

SHŌNEN CHAMPION COMICS

10 CROWS

9

黒
焚
人
連
合

た か は し
高橋ヒロシ

げっかんしょうねん
月刊少年チャンピオン 掲

「クローズ」を熱くしてくれ

**BULLDOG
(FURUKAWA
OSAMU)**



2ND YEAR TAKIYA
COMMERCE HIGH. THE
GREATEST BOSS IN
THE HISTORY OF THE
SCHOOL. CREATES THE
KUROTAI ALLIANCE
ALONGSIDE MARU-
KAKU. BECOMES THE
FIRST CHAIRMAN.

2ND YEAR, KUROSAKI INDUSTRIAL HIGH.
THE MARUKAKU DUO RULES KUROSAKI.
OFFICERS OF THE KUROTAI ALLIANCE.

**MARUKEN
(MARUYAMA
KENICHI)**

**KAKUKEN
(KADOZUMI
KENICHI)**

ISHIKAWA MASAO

2ND YEAR SUZURAN HIGH.
BECOMES THE HEAD OF THE
HARUMICHI FAMILY DUE TO THE
FACT THAT HE IS THE STRONG-
EST IN THE SCHOOL. CUR-
RENTLY FLOUNDERING ABOUT.

**YASU
(YASUDAYASUO)**

1ST YEAR
SUZURAN HIGH.
NO. 2 OF THE
HARUMICHI
FAMILY BUT A
WORTHLESS
FIGHTER.

2ND YEARS SUZURAN HIGH. SUPPORTERS OF
HARUMICHI FAMILY.

**MAKO
(SUGIHARA
MAKOTO)**

**HIROMI
(KIRISHIMA
HIROMI)**

**PON
(HONJOU
TOSHIKI)**

**BOUYA
HARUMICHI**

主要登場人物紹介

**ISHII
TAKESHI**



THIRD YEAR
SUZURAN.
ALTHOUGH
HE'S EVENLY
MATCHED
WITH HARU-
MICH, HE
DOESN'T
TAKE SIDES
AND STAYS
NEUTRAL. A
LONE WOLF.

**RINDAMAN
(HAYASHIDA
MEGUMI)**



ISHII TSUYOSHI

NO. 2 OF
THE
FORMER
FRONT
OF
ARMA-
MENT.
RESUR-
RECTED
THE
GROUP
ON HIS
OWN
AFTER
LOSING
TO HAR-
UMICHI.

**KUNOU
RYUUSHIN**



THE
TOP OF
TSUKA-
MOTO
HIGH.

**YAGISAWA
AKIRA**

THE TOP
OF NANA-
MORI
INDUS-
TRIAL
HIGH.
MEMBER
OF THE
KUROTAI
ALLIANCE.

**HIRAJIMA
SHINGO**



HOLDS
YURIKAWA
BOYS
HIGH
BETWEEN
THE TWO
OF THEM.
MEMBERS
OF THE
KUROTAI
ALLIANCE.

**TAKANASHI
OSAMU**



**KATAYAMA
CHIAKI**



THE STORY SO FAR:

NO. 1 OF THE "SCHOOL OF CROWS" BOUYA HARUMICHI WATCHES ON AS HIS BLOOD BROTHER BULLDOG BECOMES THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWLY-FORMED KUROTAI ALLIANCE. MEANWHILE, ATTRACTED TO BULLDOG'S MAGNETISM, HIS FORMER ENEMIES BEGIN TO JOIN THE GROWING ALLIANCE.





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CHAPTER 29: **I'M THE ONE THAT'S DRIVING**

PART2





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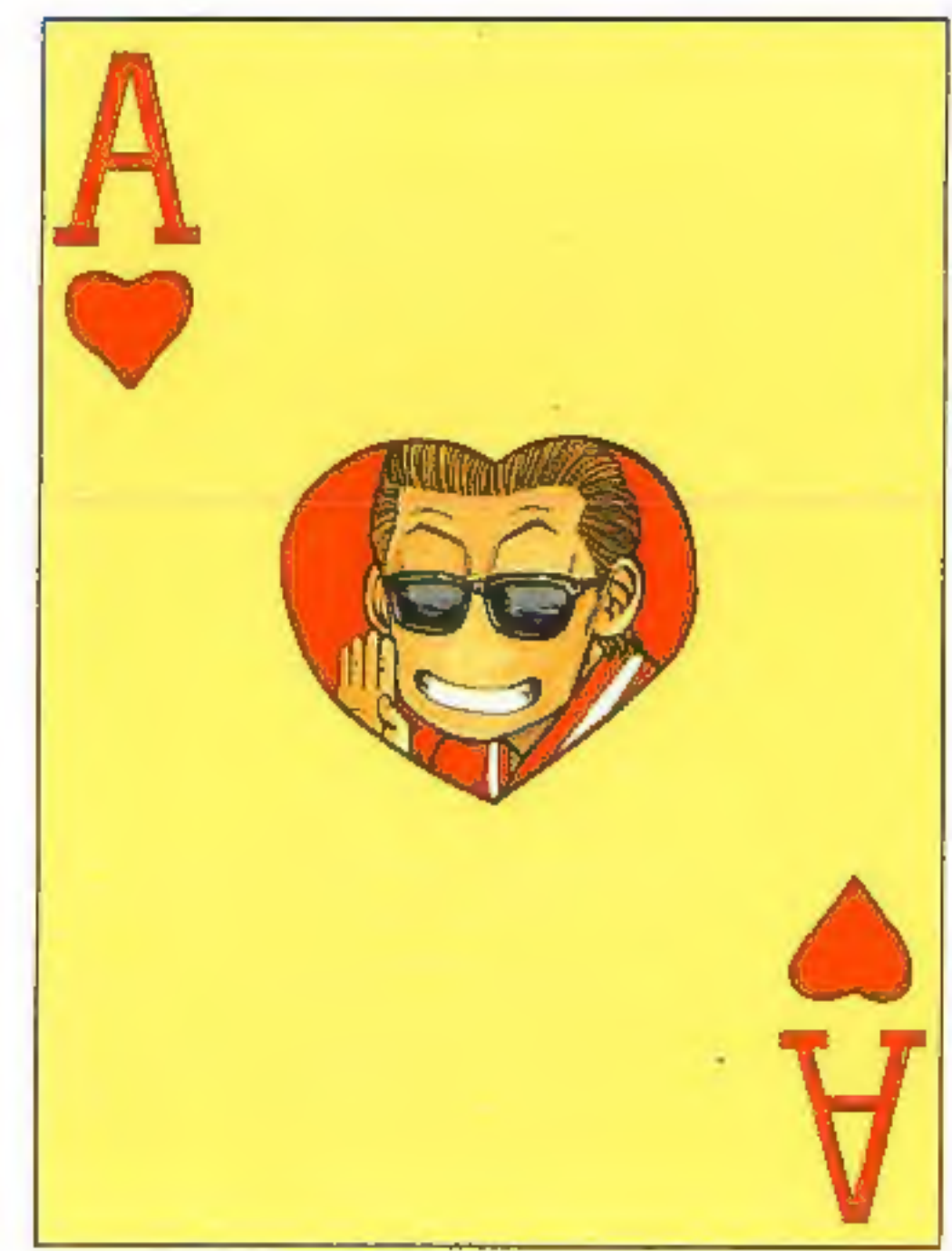
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少年チャンピオン・コミックス
SHONEN CHAMPION COMICS



“The
Street
Beats
ØKI

Hey Brother
Don't Worry”

^{たからもの}
オレの宝物です。

^{ねん} 1993年 ^{がつ} 3月 ^{にち} 26・27日

^{しんじゅく}
新宿ロフトにて…。

^{たかはし}
高橋ヒロシ

^{たかはし} 高橋ヒロシ ^{だいこうひょうさくひん} の大好評作品

^{しょうねん} 少年チャンピオン・コミックス

キ ク 全①巻 ^{ぜん} ^{かん}







IN ANY CASE,
I HAD NO IDEA
THAT EVEN
ISHIKAWA
WOULD JOIN
KUROTAKE.



SO
SUZURAN
AND
KUROTAKE
AREN'T
TOTALLY
UNRELATED
EITHER.

YEAH
BUT
HARU-
MICH-
KUN
AND
BULL-
DOG
ARE
BLOOD
BROTHERS,
AREN'T
THEY?



YEAH,
I WAS
SUR-
PRISED,
TOO.

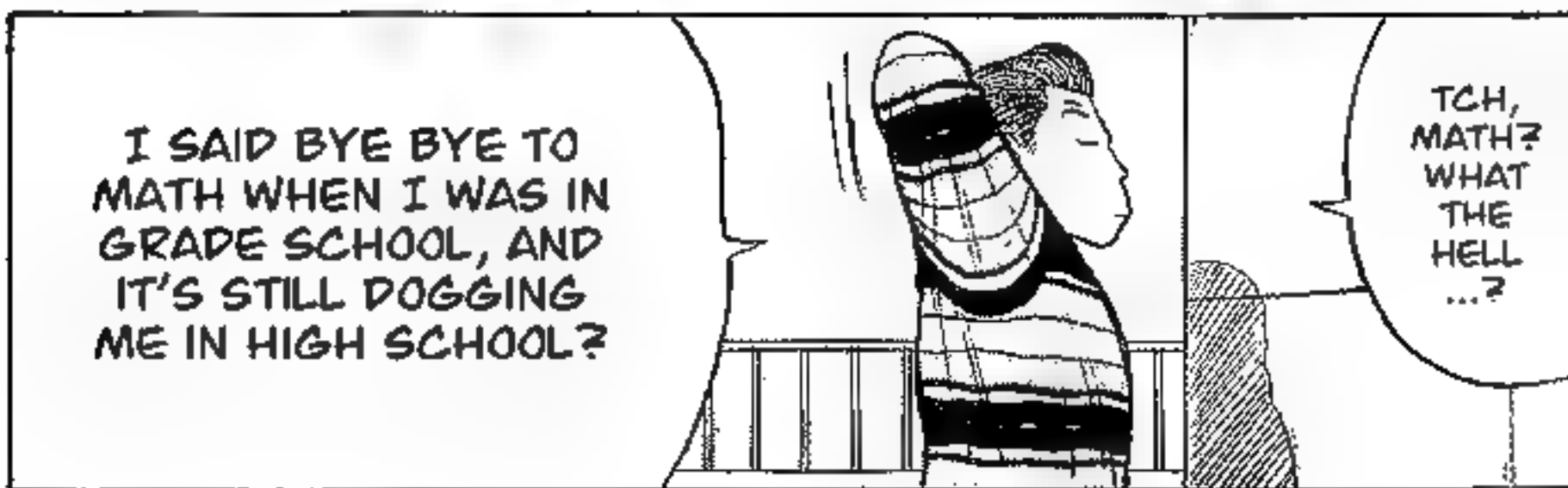


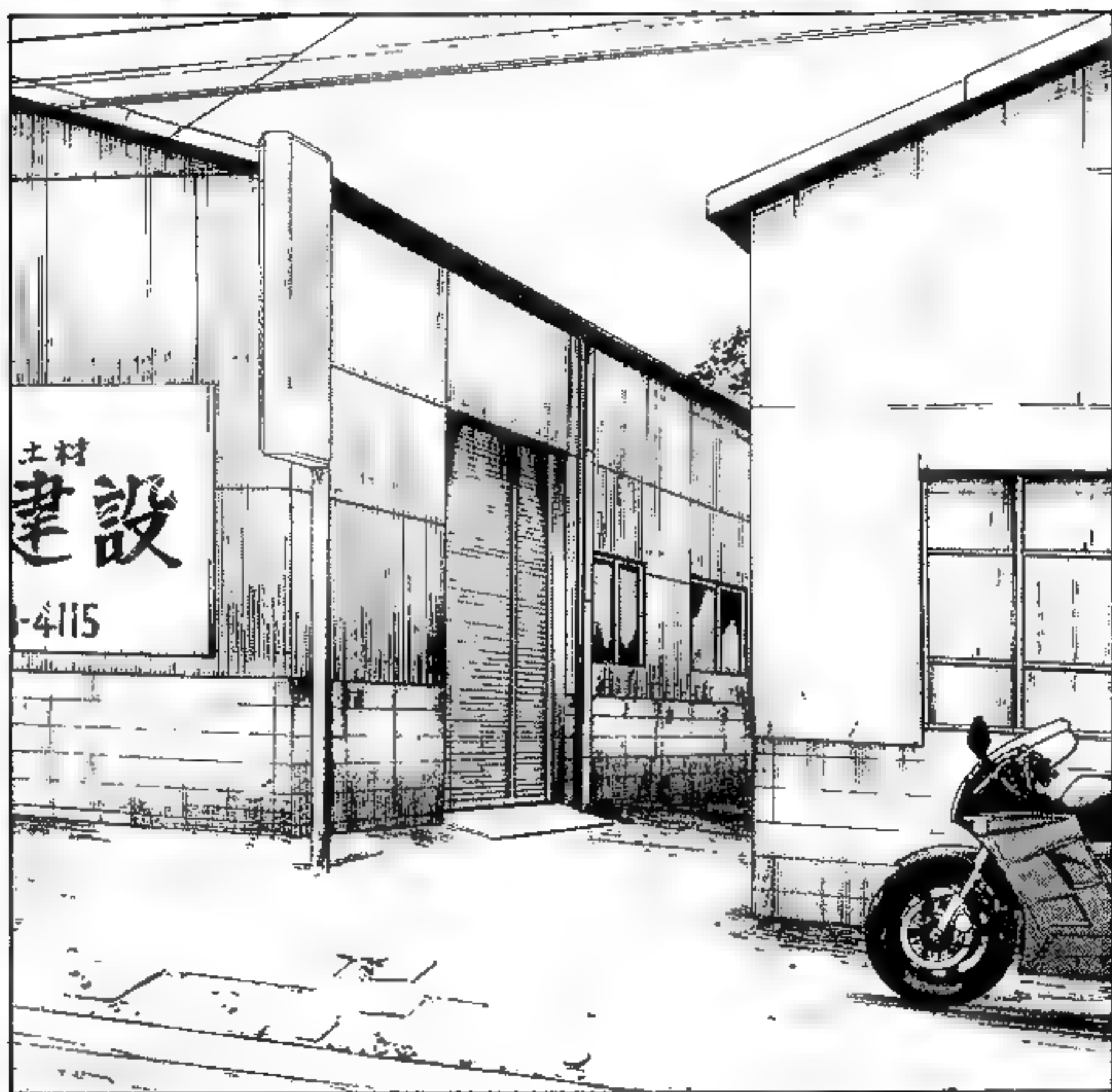
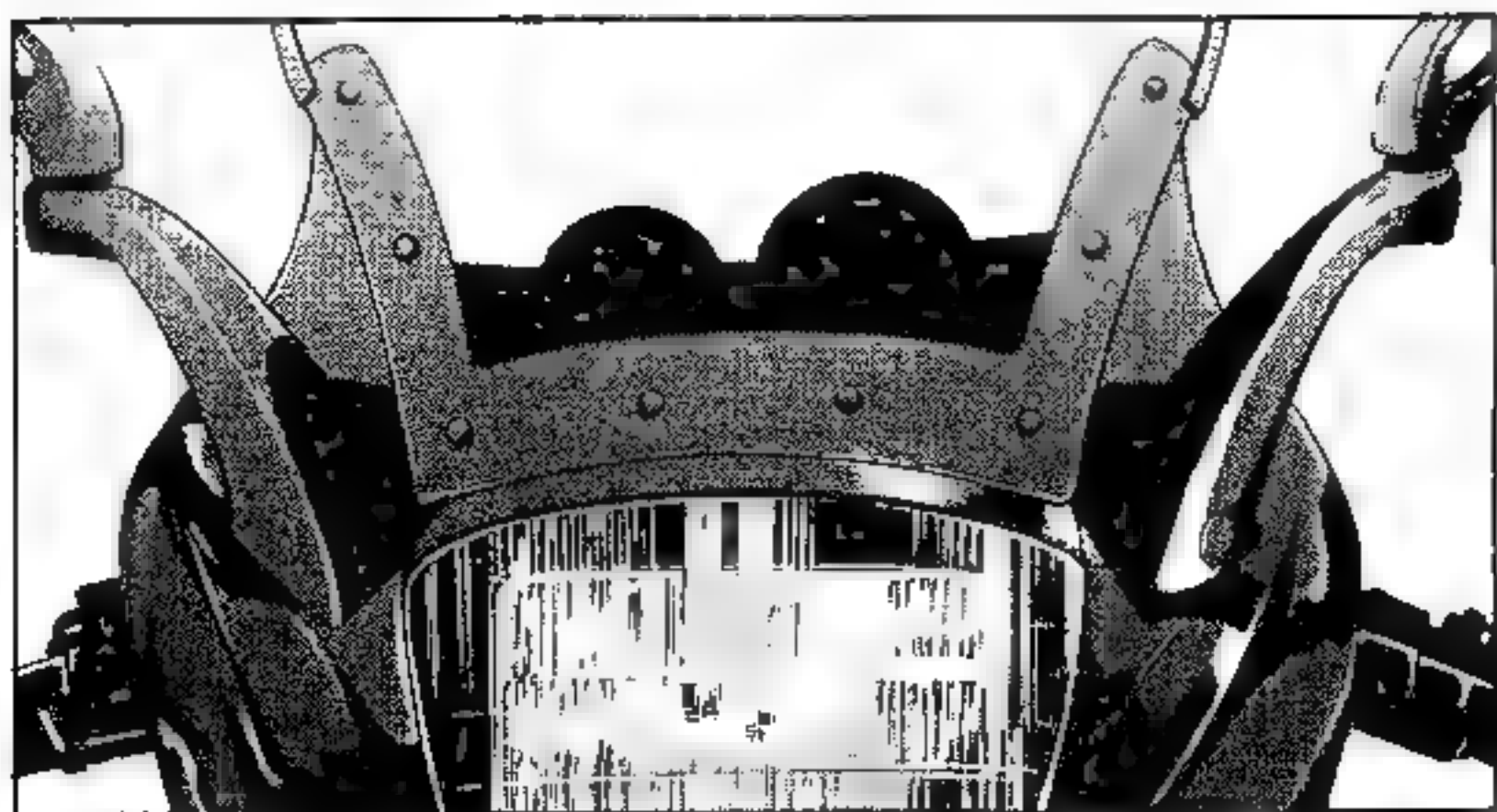
IF HARUMICHI-KUN
CONSIDERED HIMSELF
TO BE SUZURAN'S
BOSS, THEN THINGS
MIGHT BE DIFFERENT...

THAT'S
PERSONAL
BUSINESS.
IT DOESN'T
CONCERN
SUZURAN.



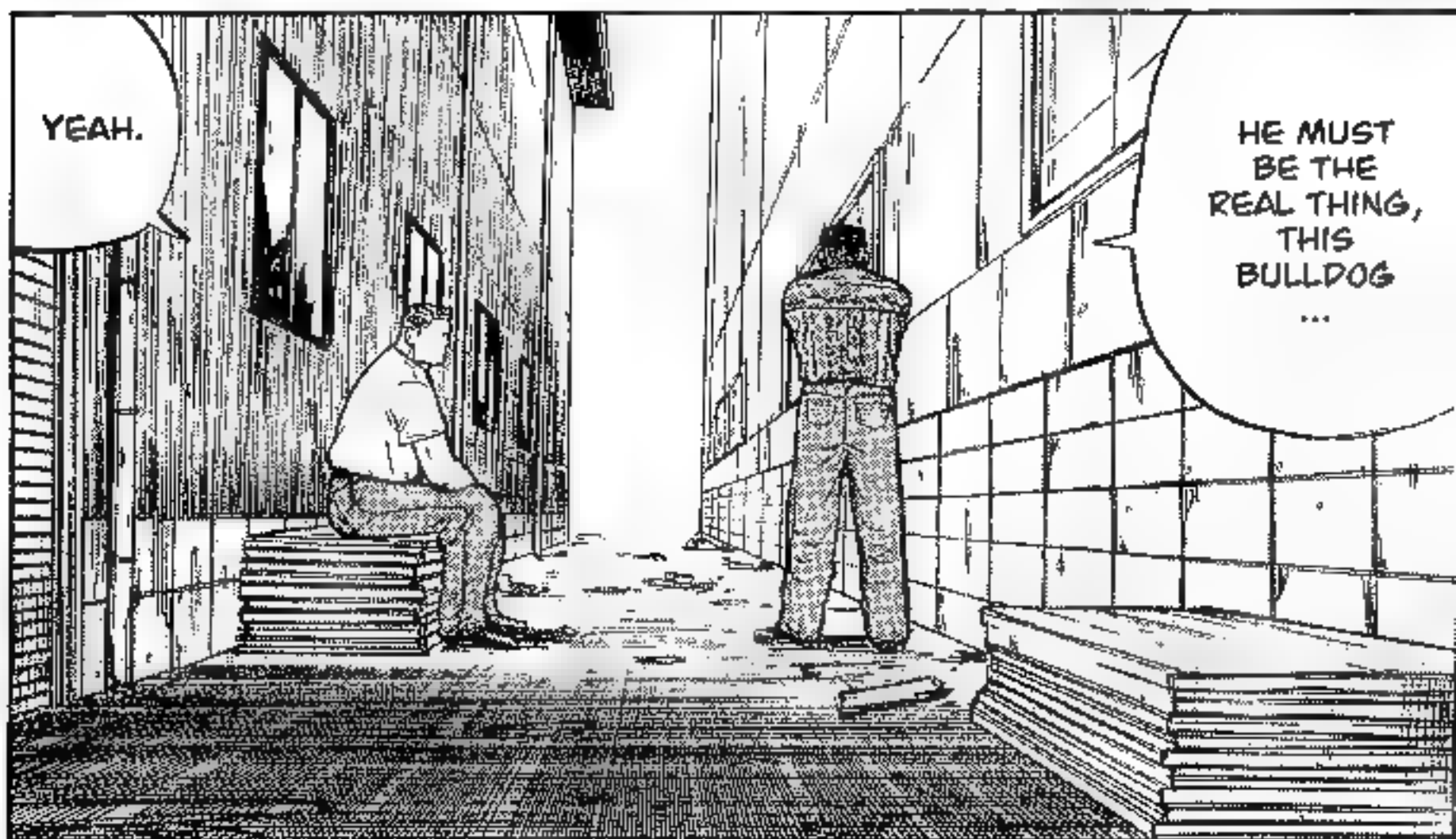
WHAT'LL
HAPPEN
TO OUR
SUZURAN
...?







HE WAS
SOME-
THING
ELSE
...



YEAH.

HE MUST
BE THE
REAL THING,
THIS
BULLDOG
...



IN ANY CASE,
ANIKI... I'M
ALRIGHT
NOW, SO WE
SHOULD
REALLY GET
OUT OF TOWN!



AND
THEY'LL
FOLLOW
US WHERE-
EVER WE
GO,
ANYWAY!

IF WE
LEAVE
TOWN, IS
THERE
ANY-
WHERE
WE CAN
GO?



NO, I
HAVE A
PLAN.



SO WHAT
DO WE DO?
JUST SIT
HERE AND
WAIT FOR
THEM TO
GET US?



JOIN
THE
KURO-
TAKI
ALLI-
ANCE
?!

WHAT
?!



WE'LL JOIN
THE KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE
ALONG WITH
AKIRA!

YEAH.



HE'LL
CHANGE
HIS MIND
ONCE WE
TALK TO
HIM.

YEAH BUT
WILL AKIRA
AGREE? HE
ALREADY
TURNED
SHINGO'S
INVITATION
DOWN.



WE'LL
STOMP ON
THOSE
ASSHOLES
USING THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE.

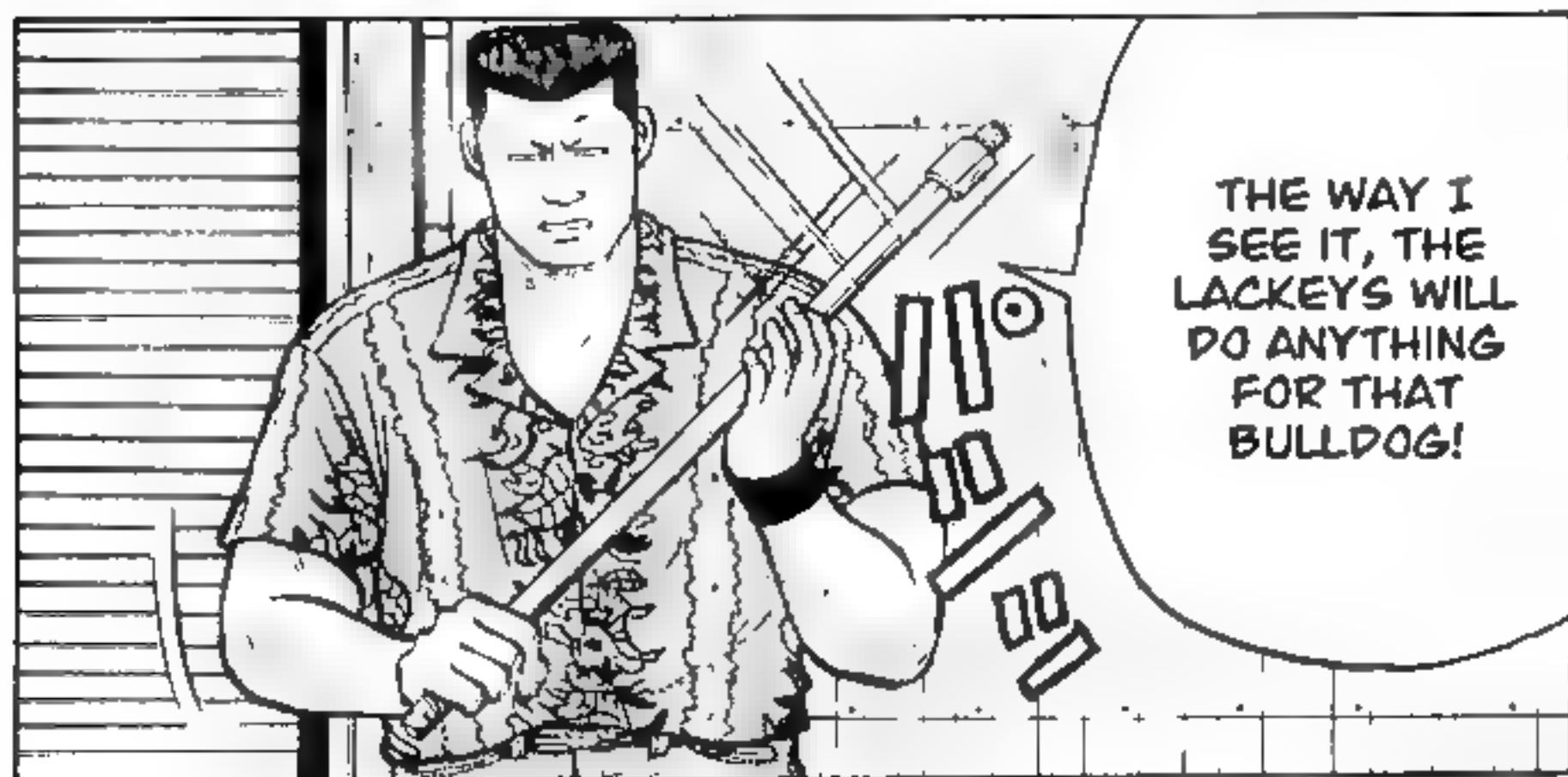


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REST
IS ALL
TIMING.

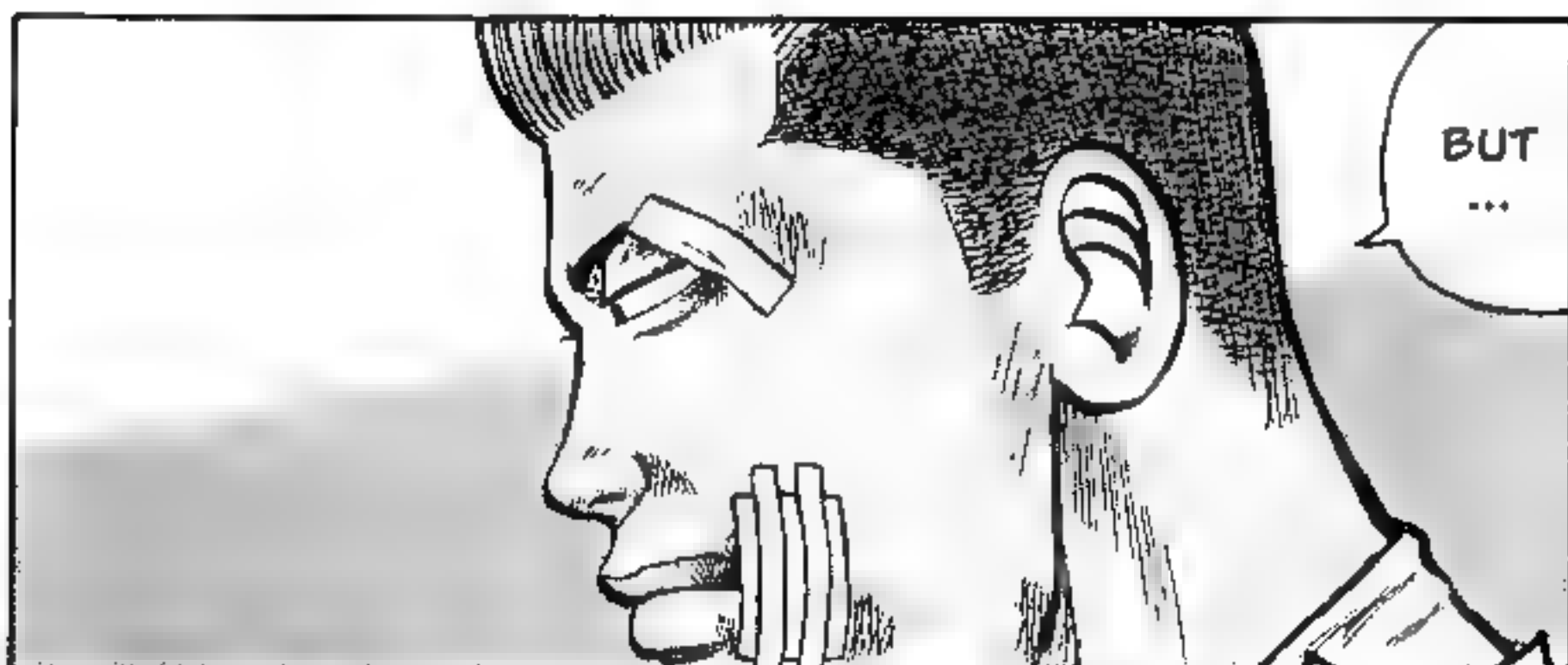
WELL,
LET'S
JOIN
FIRST.



WILL
THAT
WORK
...?



THE WAY I
SEE IT, THE
LACKEYS WILL
DO ANYTHING
FOR THAT
BULLDOG!

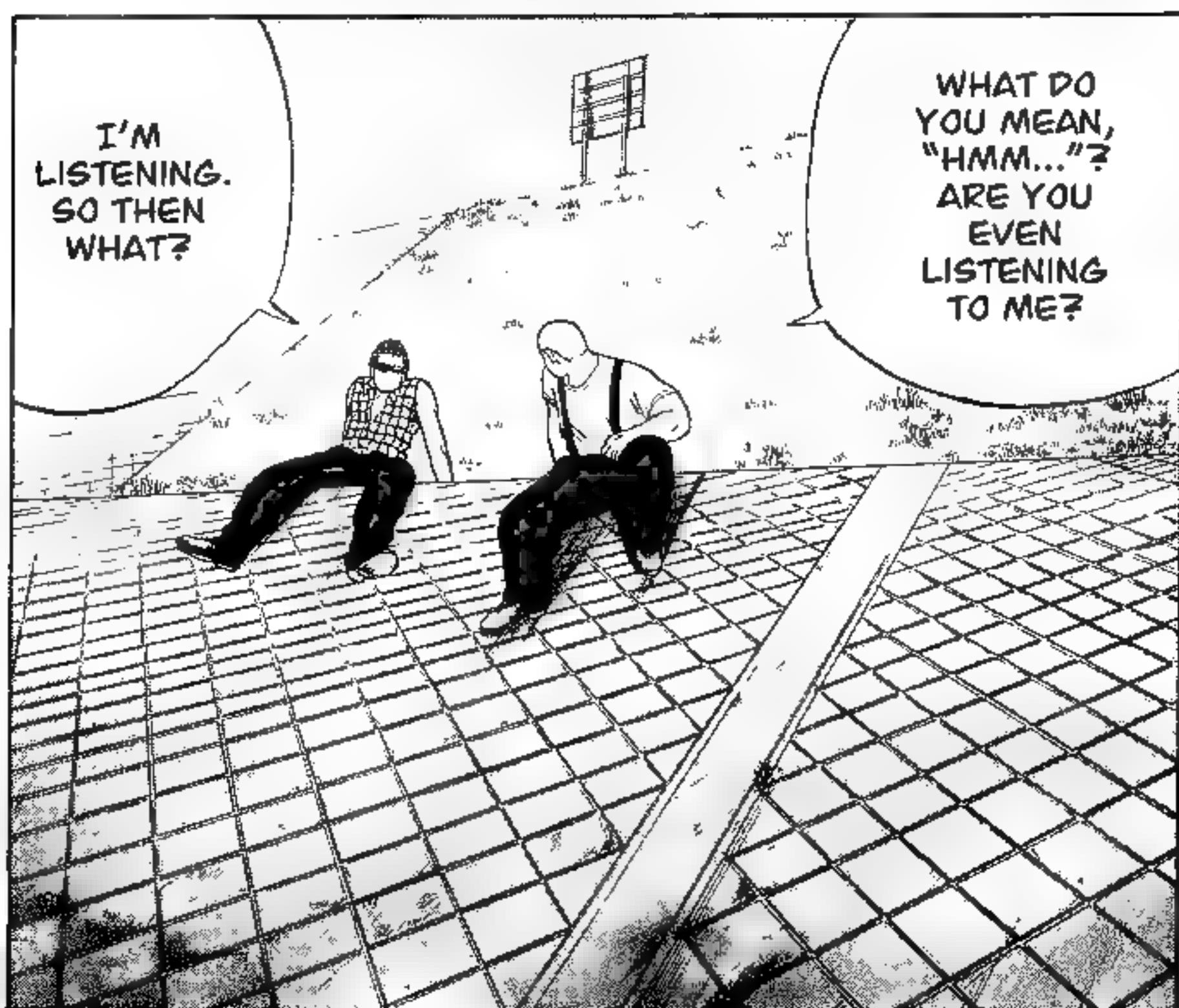
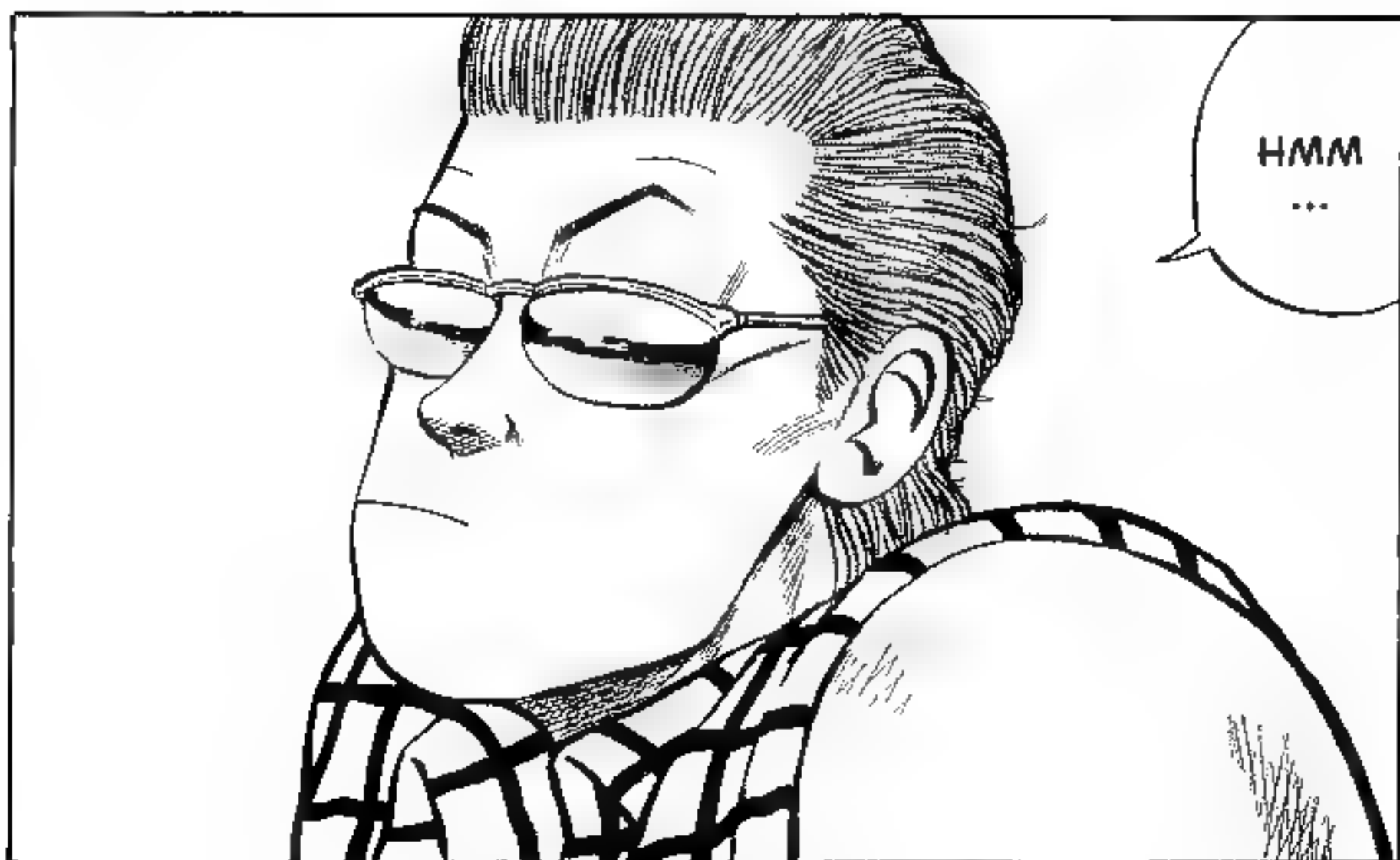


BUT
...



**WE'LL
FINISH
THINGS
HERE
IN THIS
TOWN!**





THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE
HAS BECOME
A BEAST OF
ITS OWN.



SO BEFORE
I KNEW IT
ISHIKAWA
AND HIRA-
JIMA HAD
JOINED THE
ALLIANCE.

BUT
FOR SOME
REASON, IT
MAKES ME
NERVOUS.



MARUKEN AND
KAKUKEN ARE
HAPPIER THAN
PIGS IN SHIT WITH
THE ALLIANCE
GROWING.

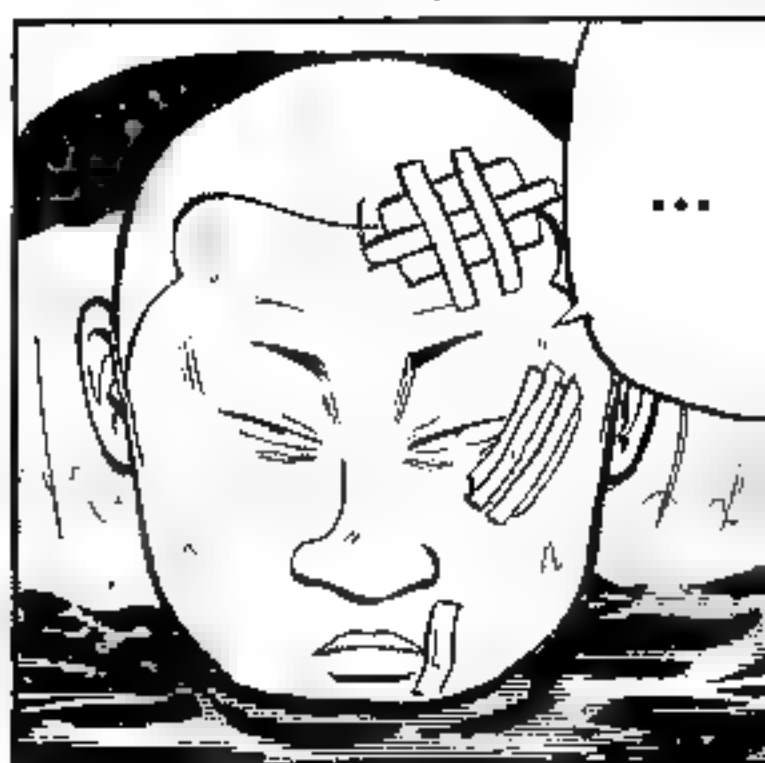
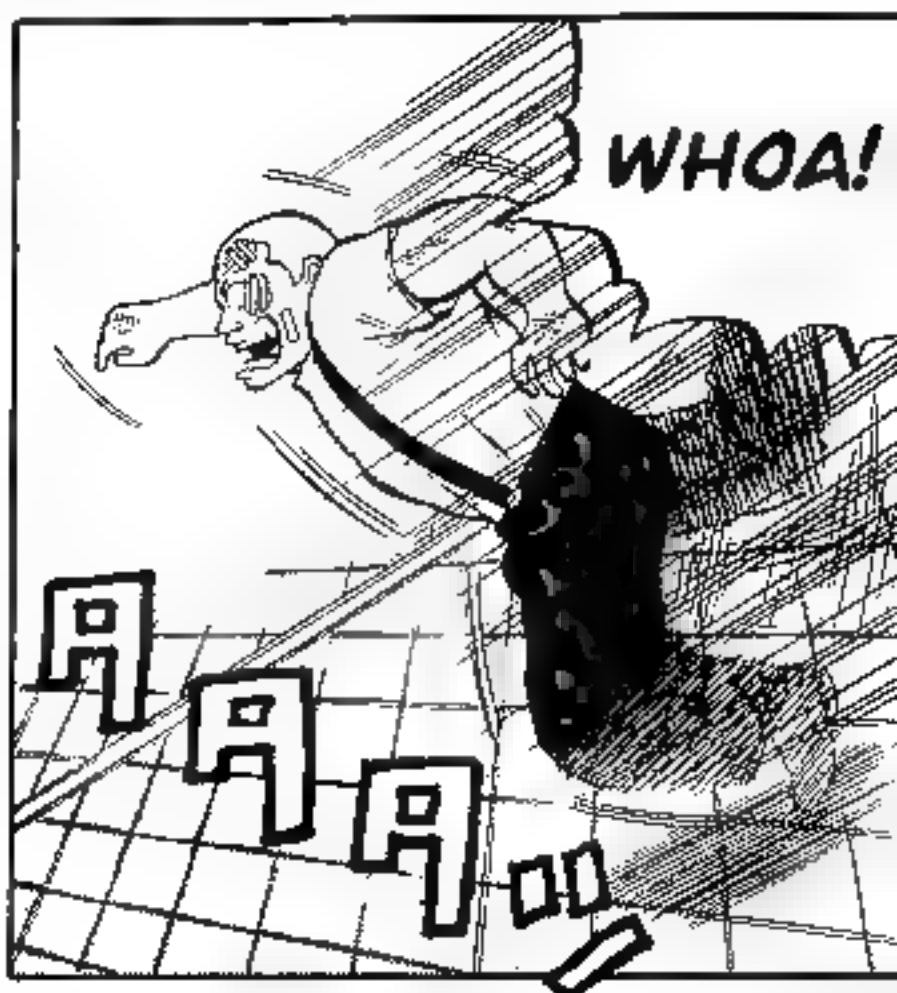
WHAT'S
WITH
YOU?
THAT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU.

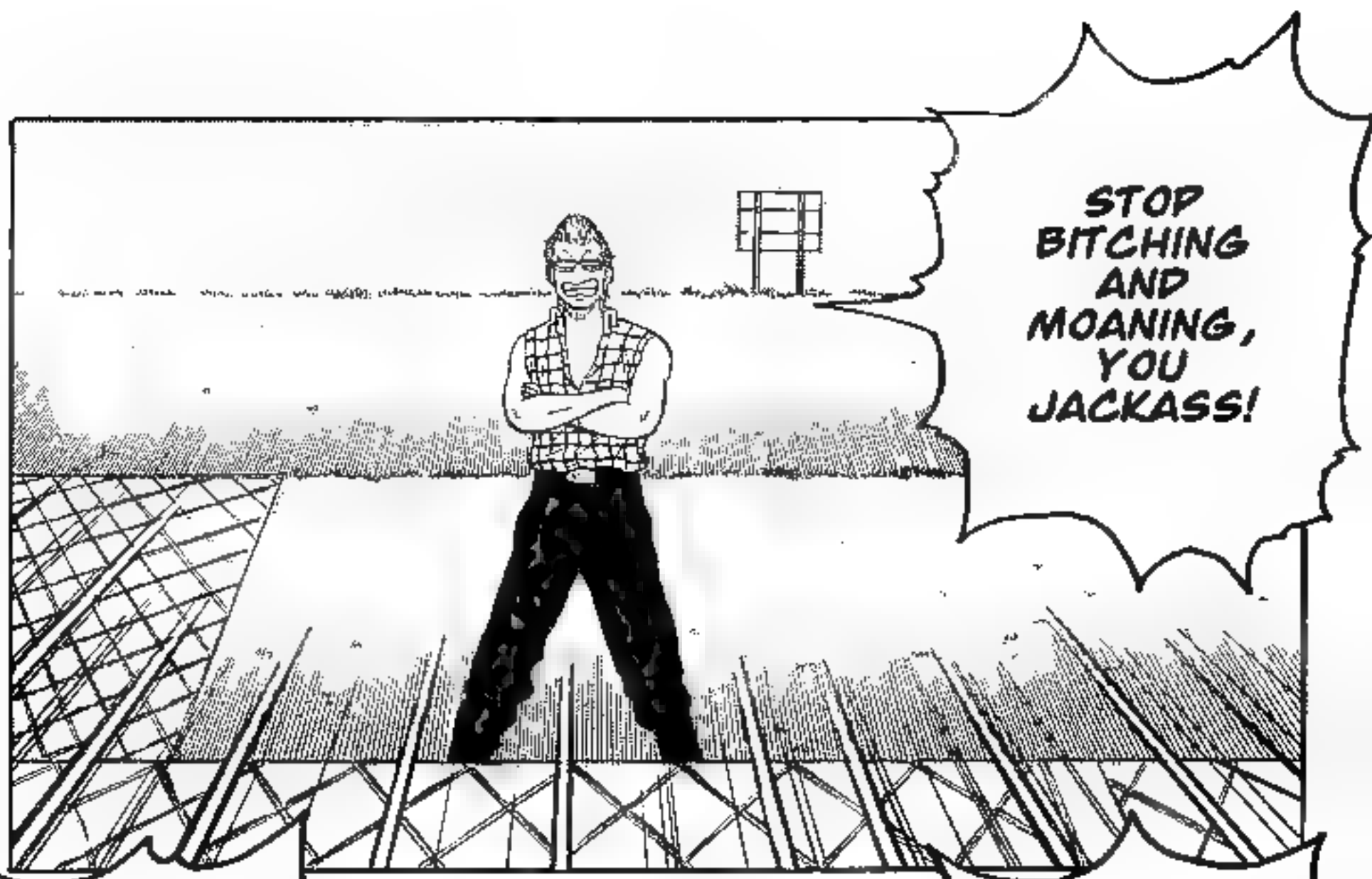


I'M HAPPY
THAT EVERY-
ONE WANTS
TO FOLLOW
ME, BUT NOW
THAT WE'VE
COME THIS
FAR, MY
SHOULDERS
ARE HEAVY.









**STOP
BITCHING
AND
MOANING,
YOU
JACKASS!**

**SO
YOU'RE
GETTING
SCARED
NOW
THAT IT'S
SPEED-
ING UP?!**

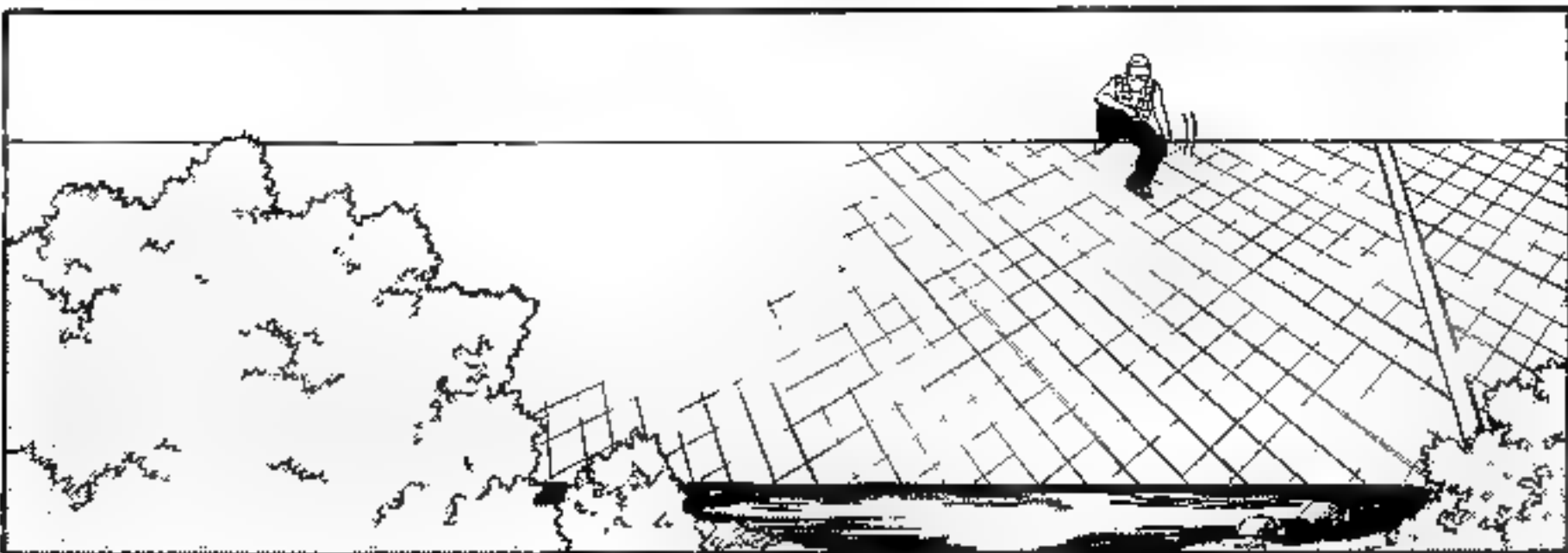
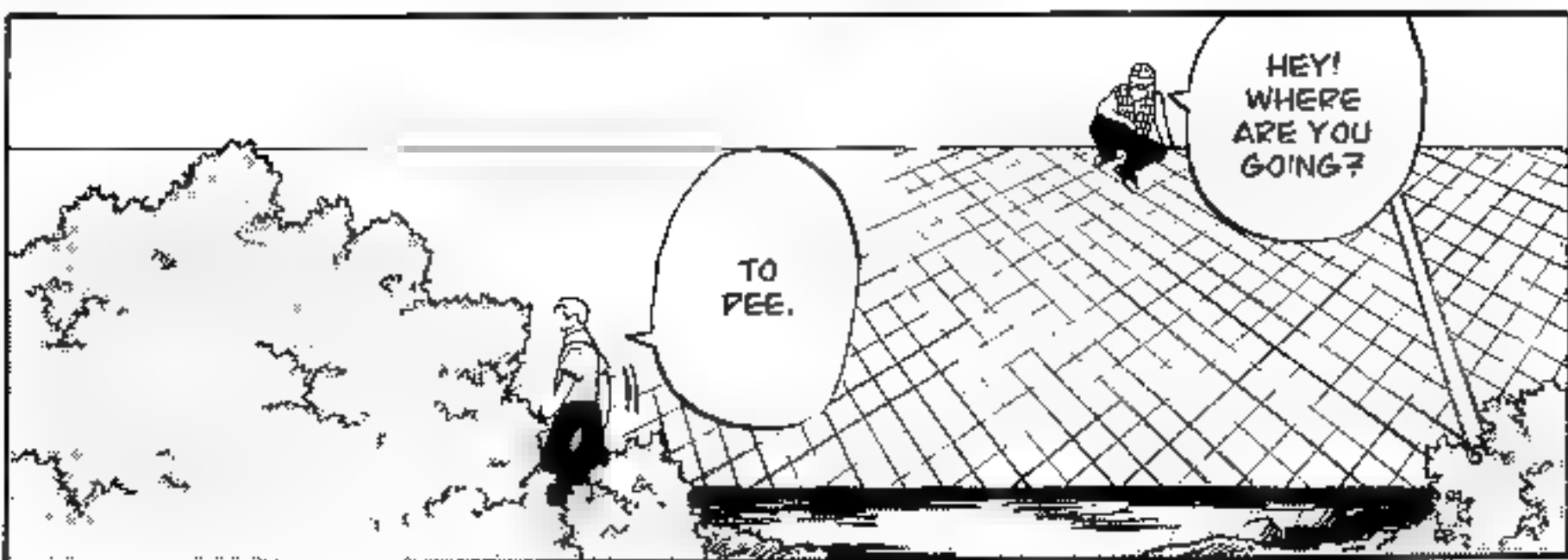
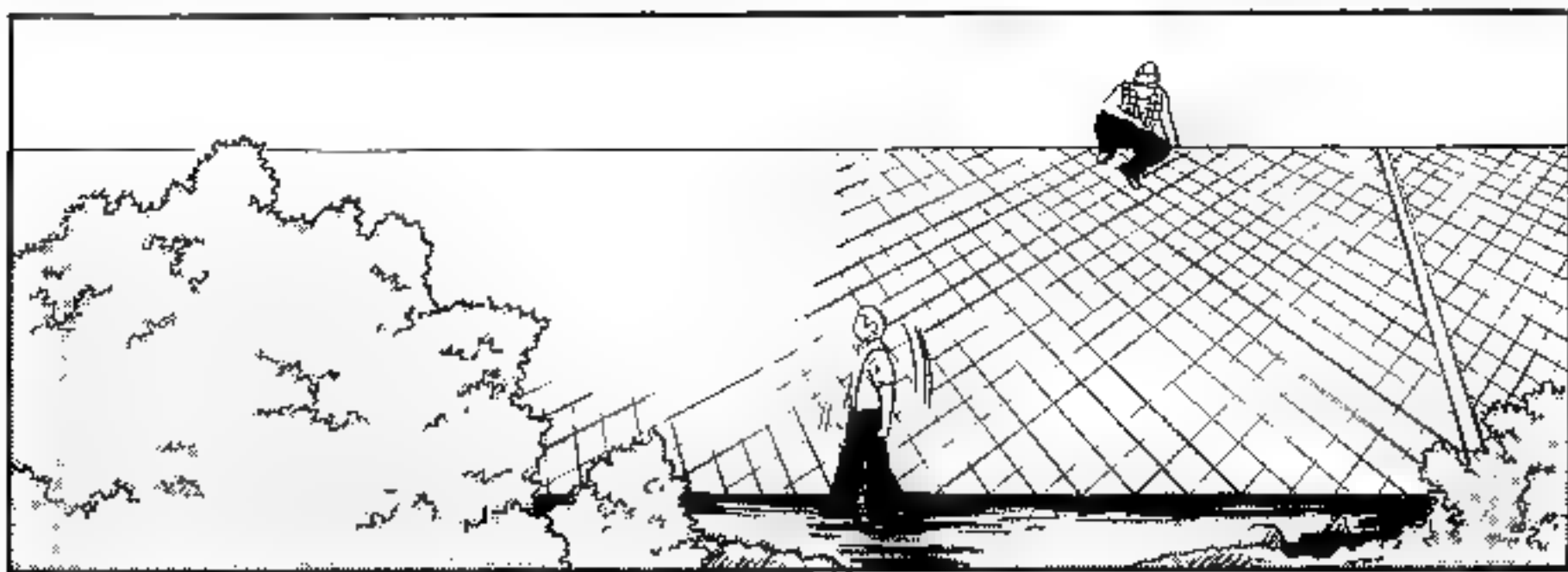
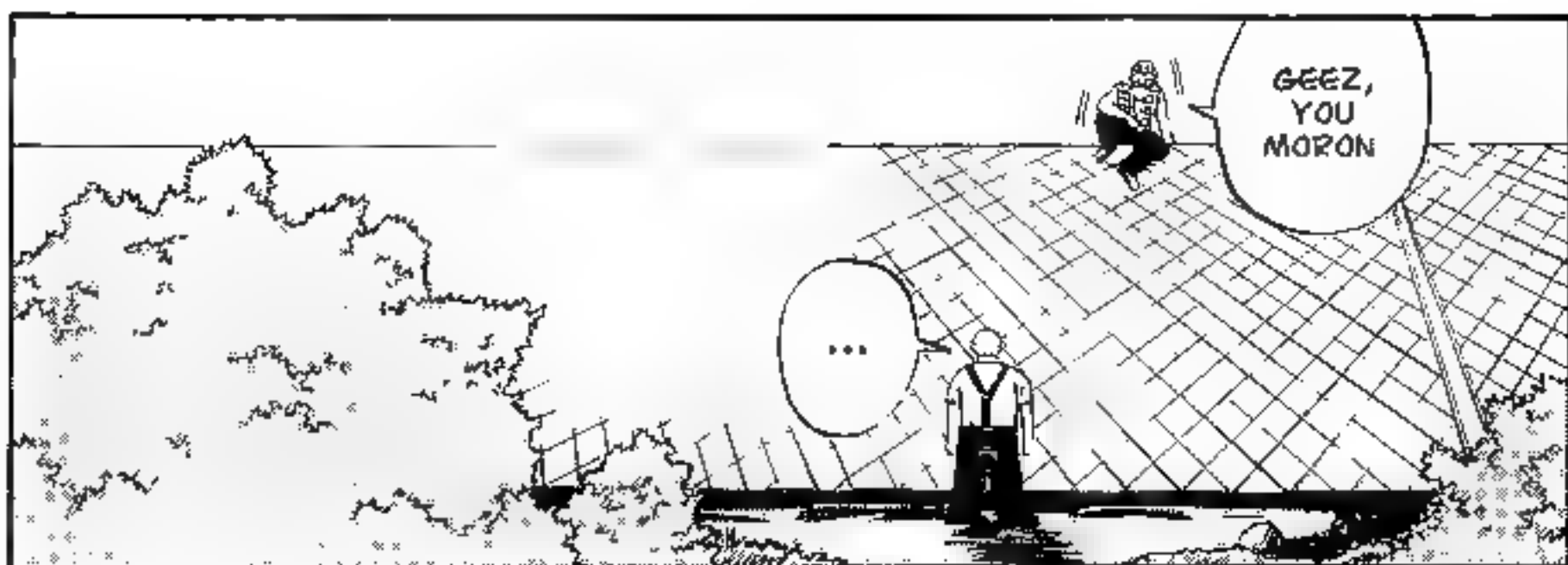
**KUROTAKI'S
FOUND
ITS LEGS,
AND YOU'RE
THE ONE
THAT GAVE
IT THOSE
LEGS!**

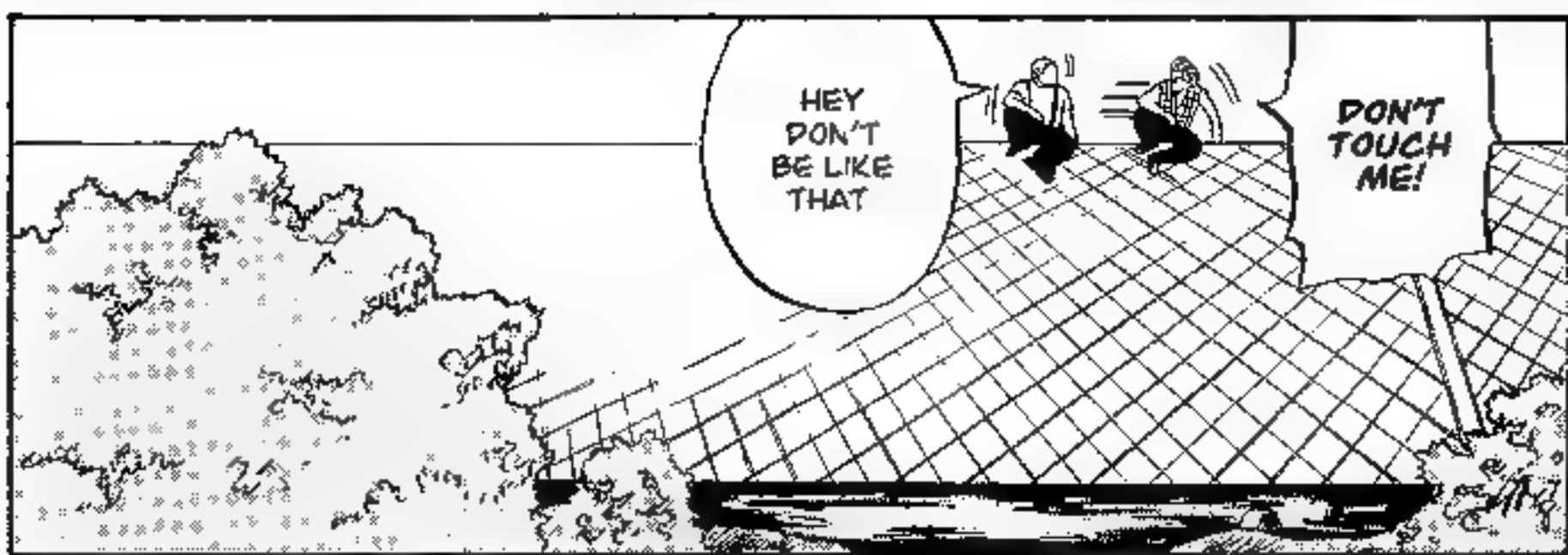
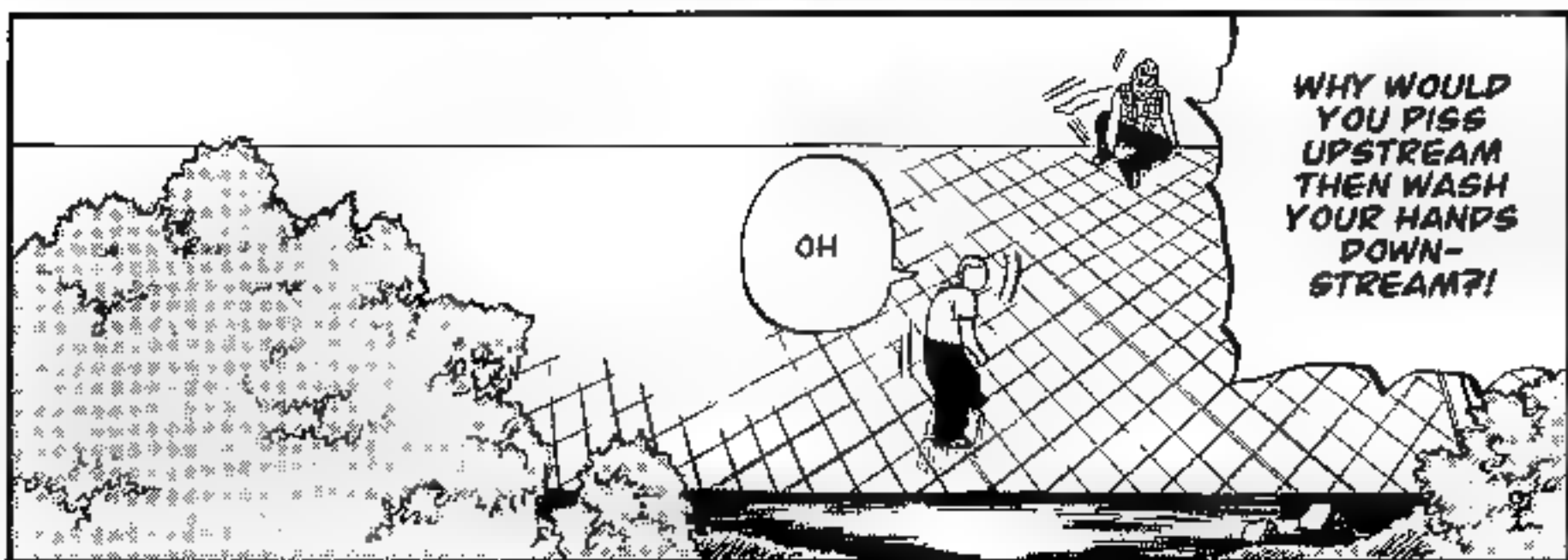
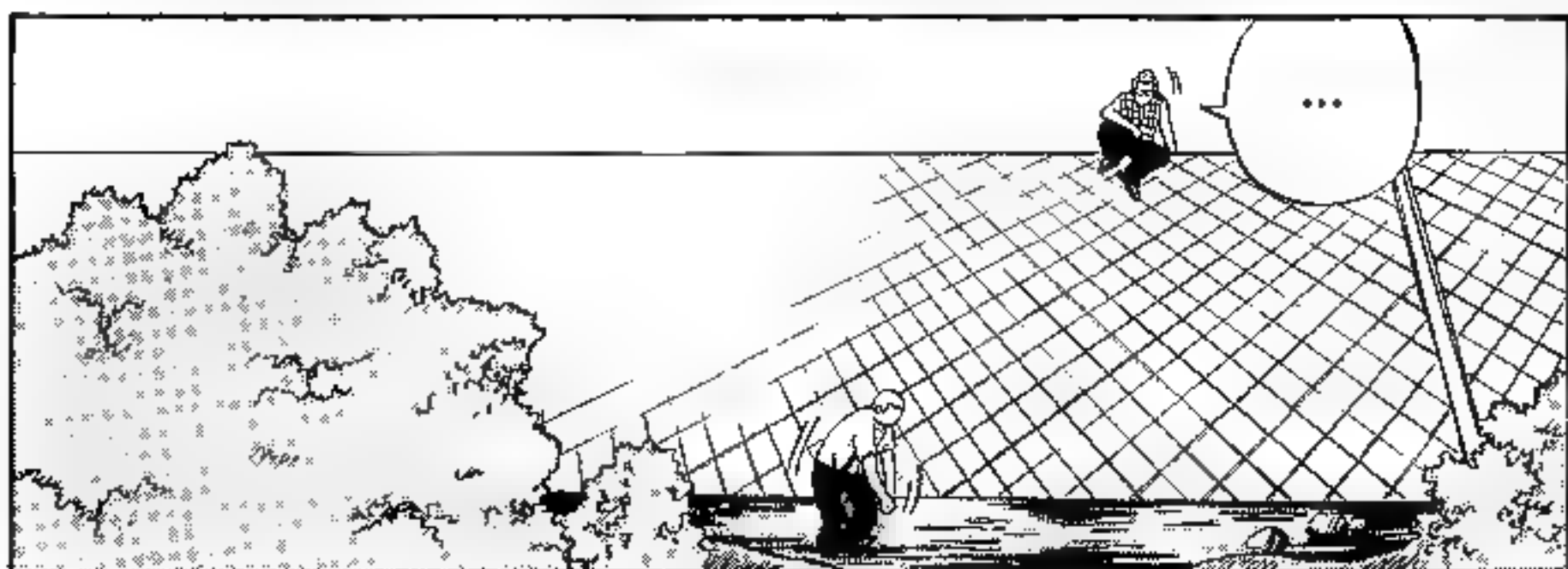
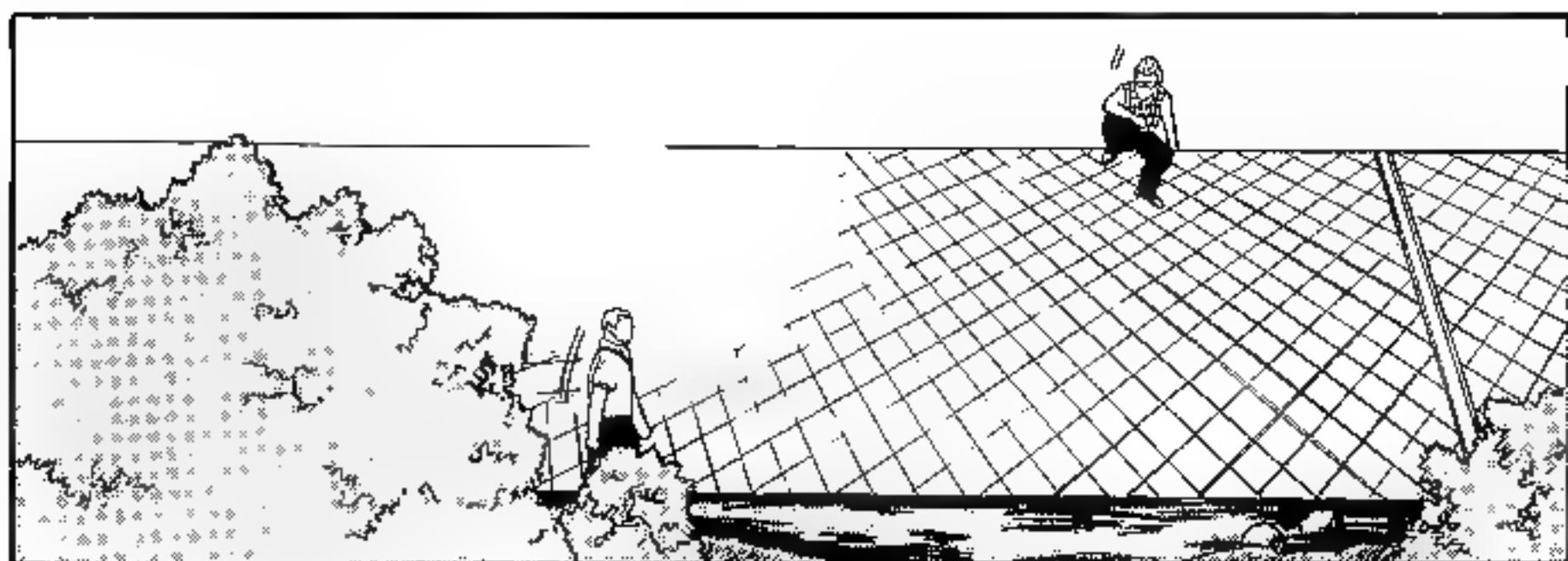


**YOU'RE
THE ONE
THAT
CAN GO
FASTER
OR STEP
ON THE
BRAKES!
SO DO IT
RIGHT!**

**THE
ALLI-
ANCE IS
A GREAT
BIG BUS
AND
YOU'RE
THE ONE
HOLDING
THE
STEER-
ING
WHEEL!**







TCH. WHY
WOULD I
GET ON A
BUS FILLED
TO THE
BRIM WITH
A BUNCH
OF SMELLY
DUDES?

HEY...
FROM TIME
TO TIME...
YOU SHOULD
GET ON THAT
BUS TOO

...





-The
next
day-





WHAT?!

HIRAJIMA
BROUGHT
YAGISAWA
AND THOSE
TWO HUGE
BROTHERS!
HE'S ASKED
FOR TSUKA-
MOTO TO BE
INCLUDED IN
THE ALLI-
ANCE!



WH-
WHERE
IS
ANIKI?

WHAT'S
THE
MATTER
?



WHERE'S
ANIKI?

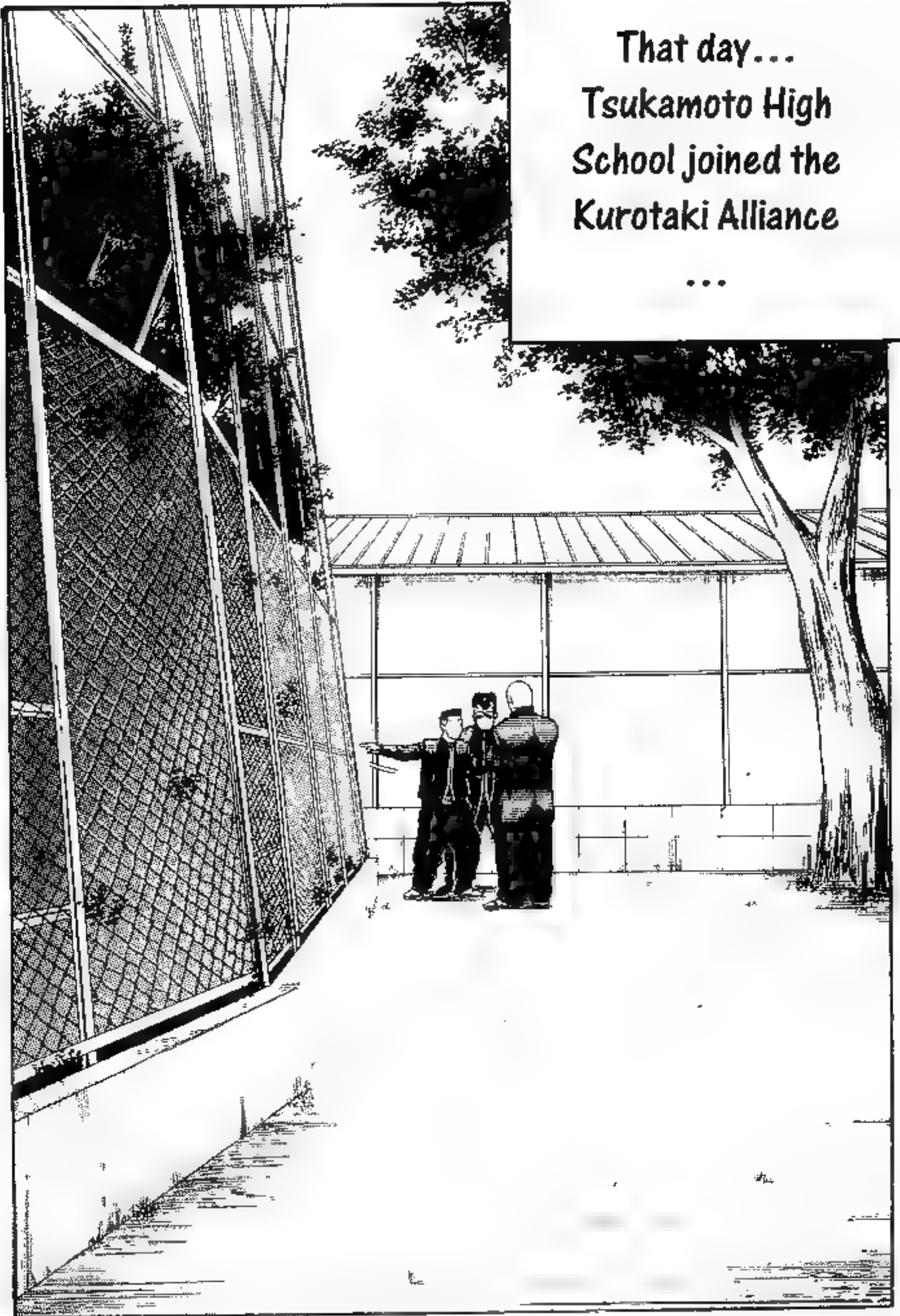
HE'S
PROBA-
BLY OUT
BACK.



**WHAT'S
ALL THE
FUSS
ABOUT?**

That day...
Tsukamoto High
School joined the
Kurotaki Alliance

...



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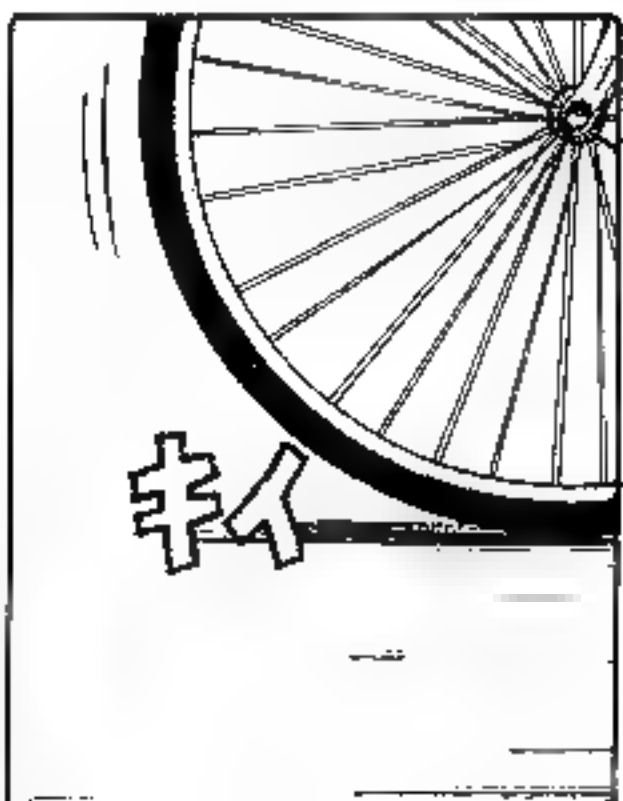
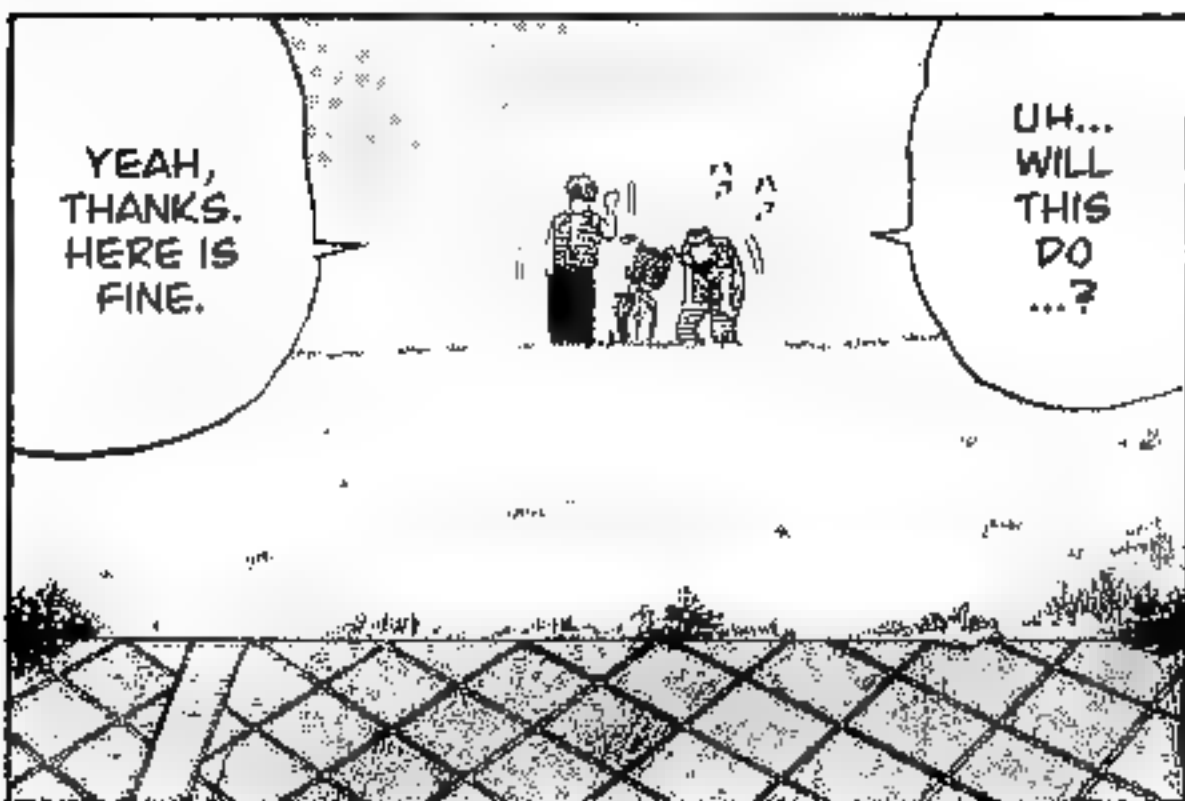
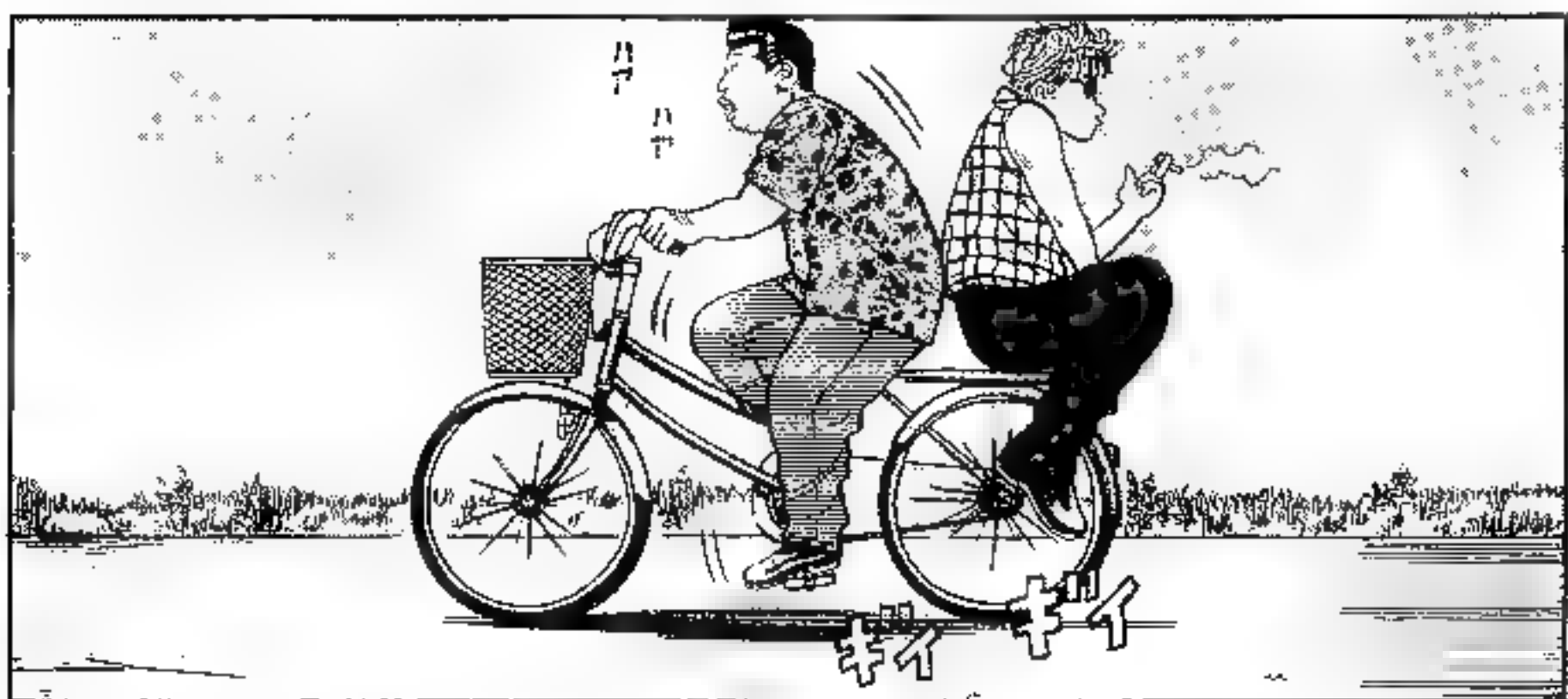
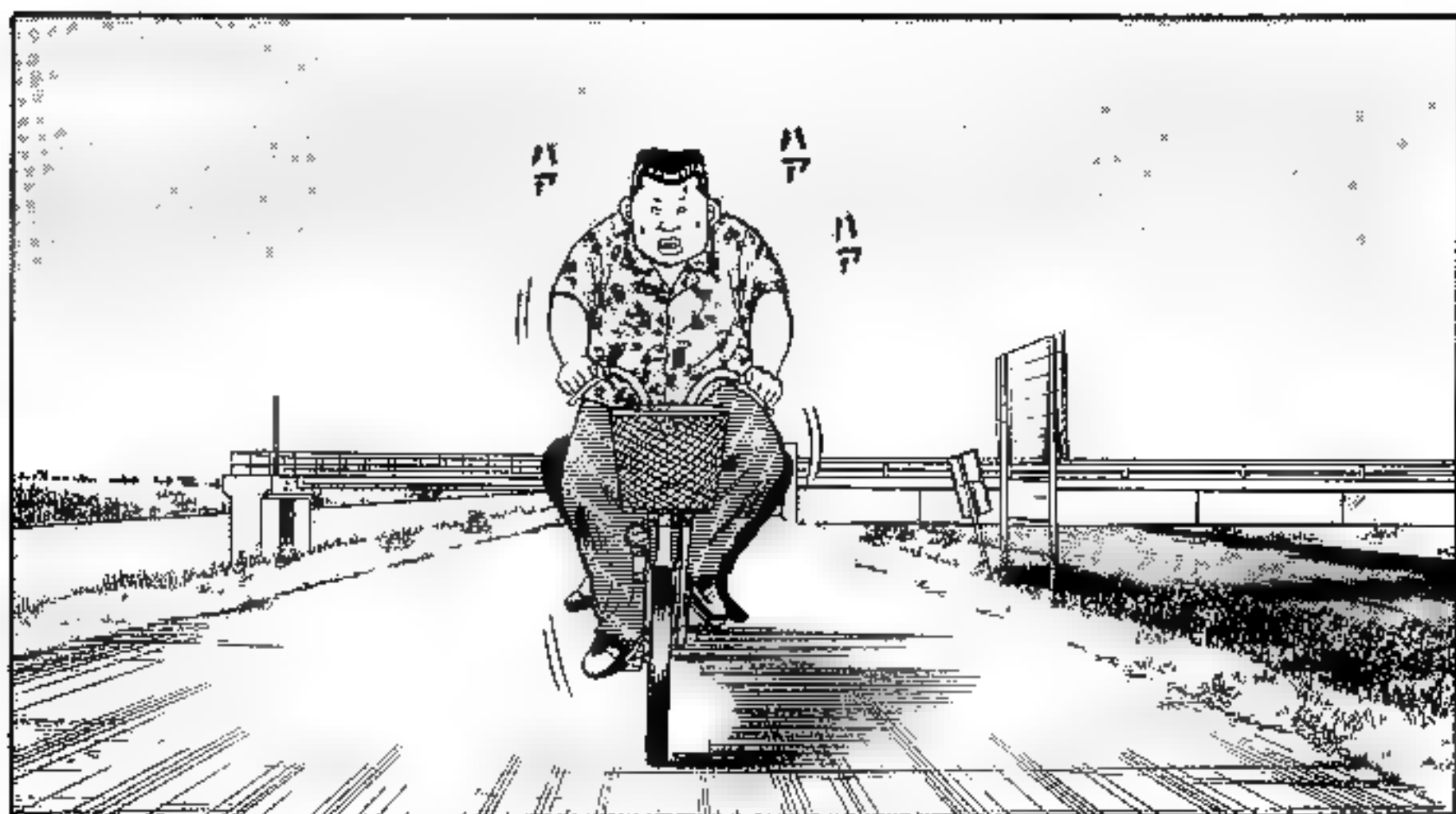
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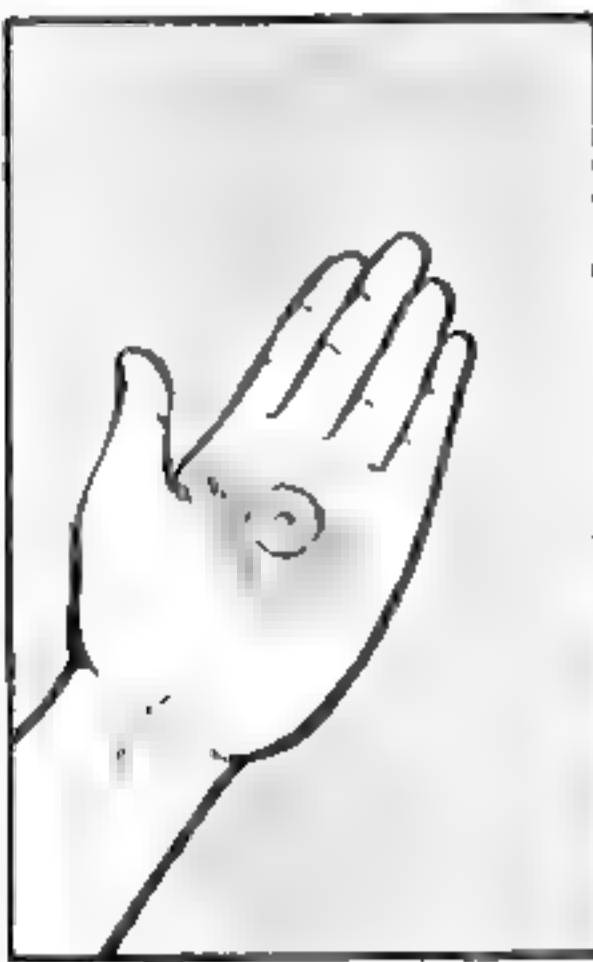
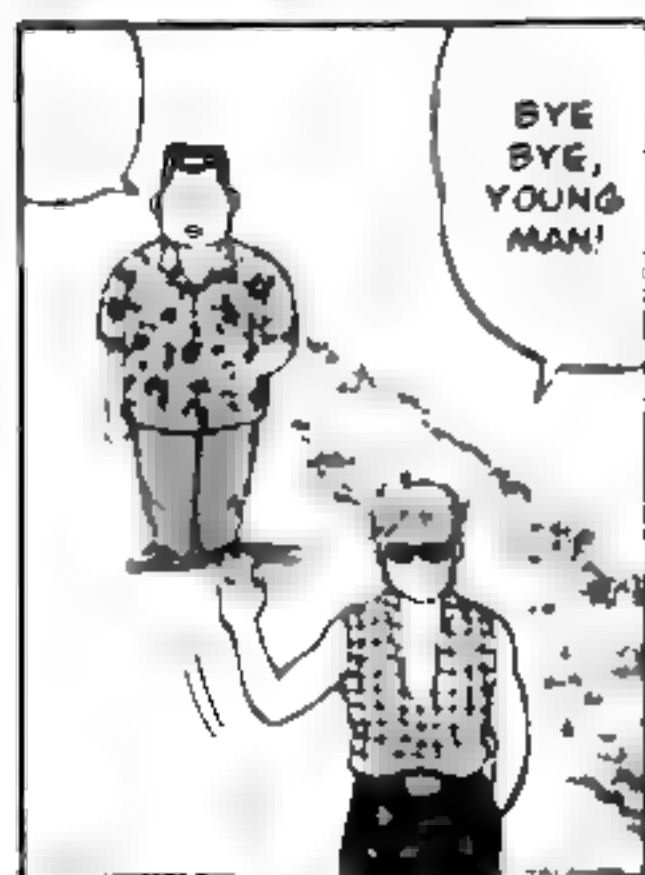
HOW MANYMORE CHAPTERS LEFT? AND A SERIES THAT
APPEARS ONLY 6 VOLUMES? POSSIBLY IF SOMEONE WROTE
A COMPLETE HISTORY. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO POST IF YOU
DON'T MIND! AND THE NAME IS ALSO THE SAME SERIES!

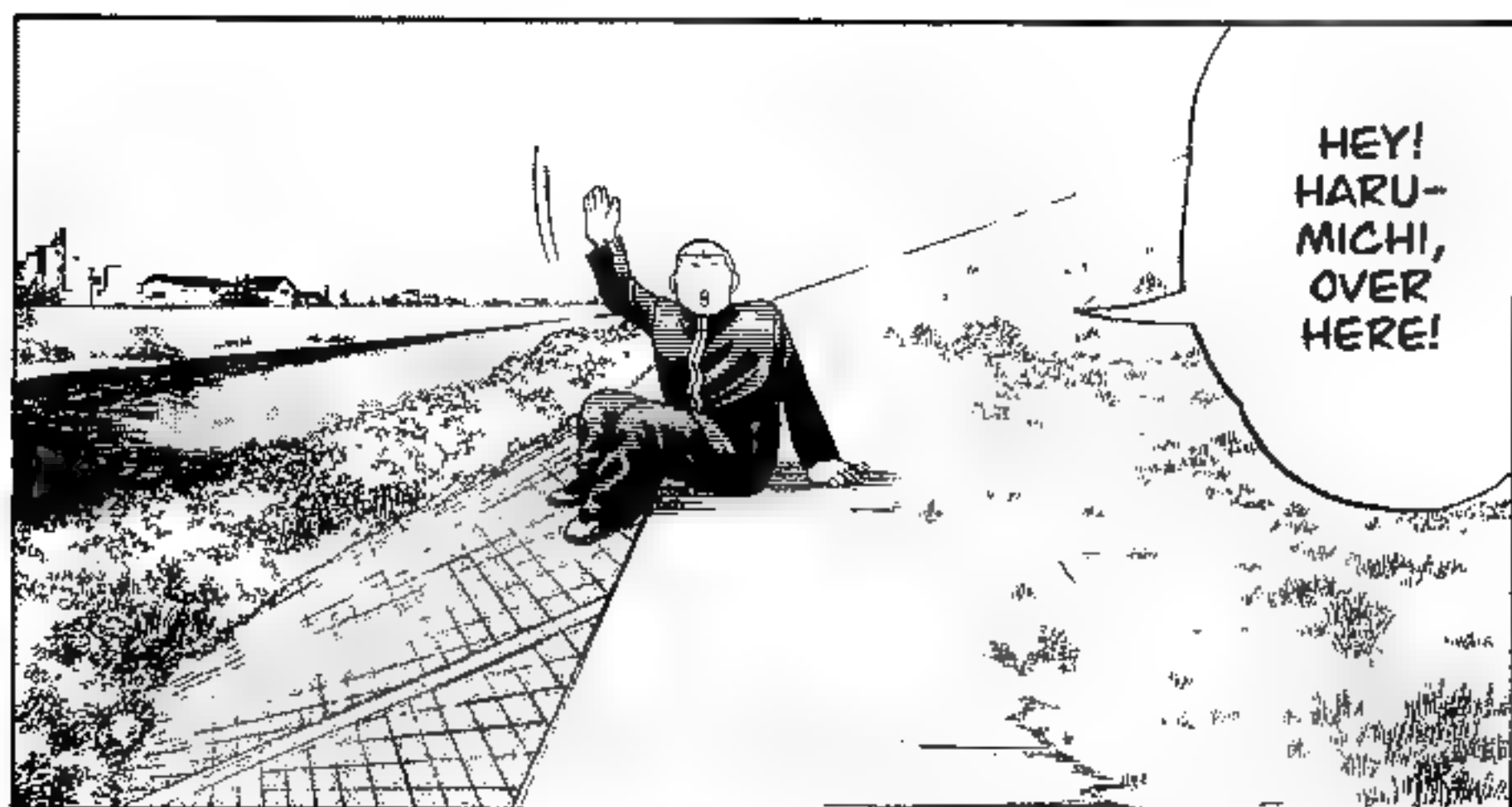
JUST STARTED OUR WIKICROWDWORKS.COM
THE ONE THAT STARTED IT ALL:
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CHAPTER 30:
IN THE POURING RAIN...







HEY!
HARU-
MICHI,
OVER
HERE!



SORRY
'BOUT
THAT.
HAVE A
SEAT.

SO WHAT'S
SO IMPOR-
TANT,
MAKING ME
COME ALL
THE WAY
OUT HERE?



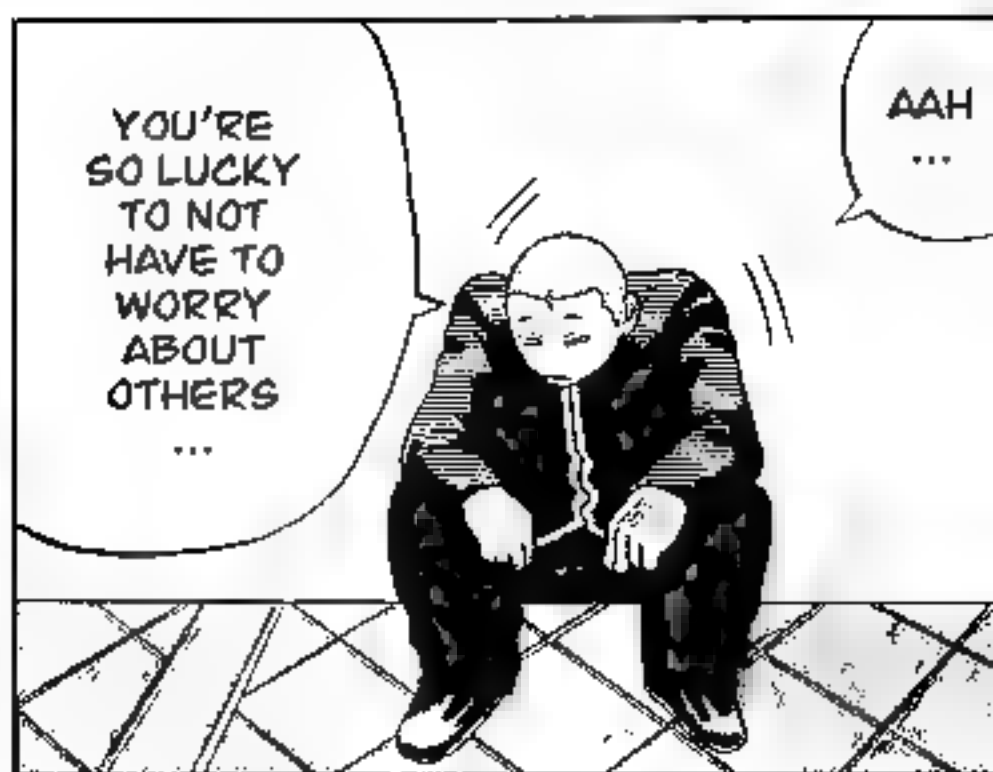
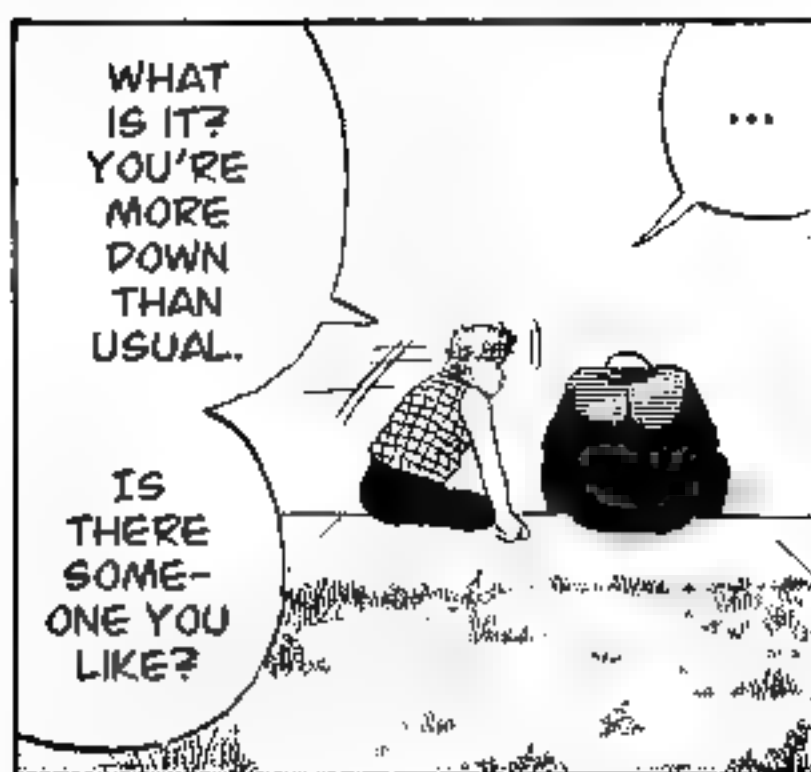
I WAS
JUST
ABOUT
TO
WATCH
"THERE
ARE
GHOSTS
ALL
OVER."

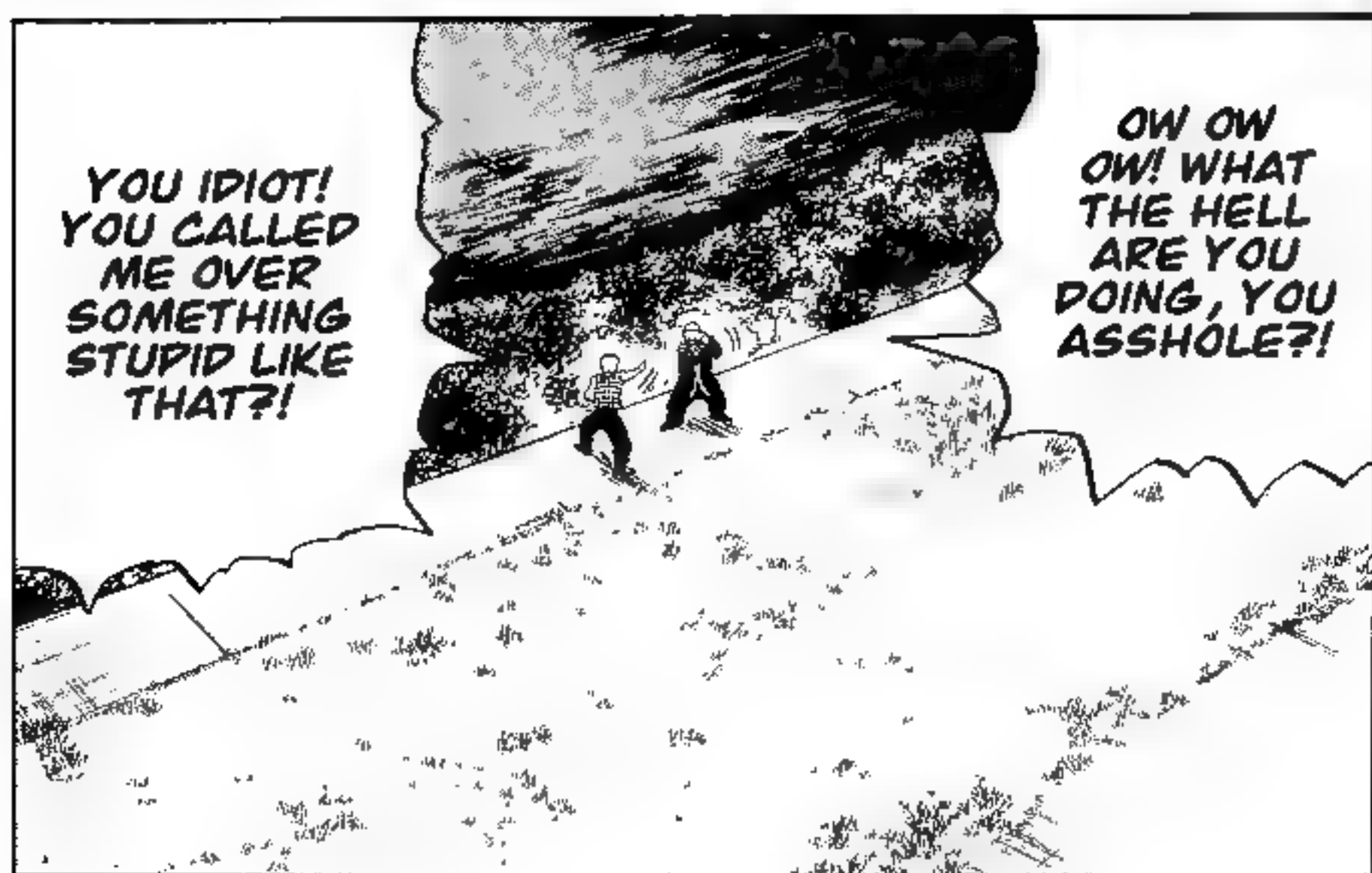
ARE
YOU
KIDD-
ING
ME?

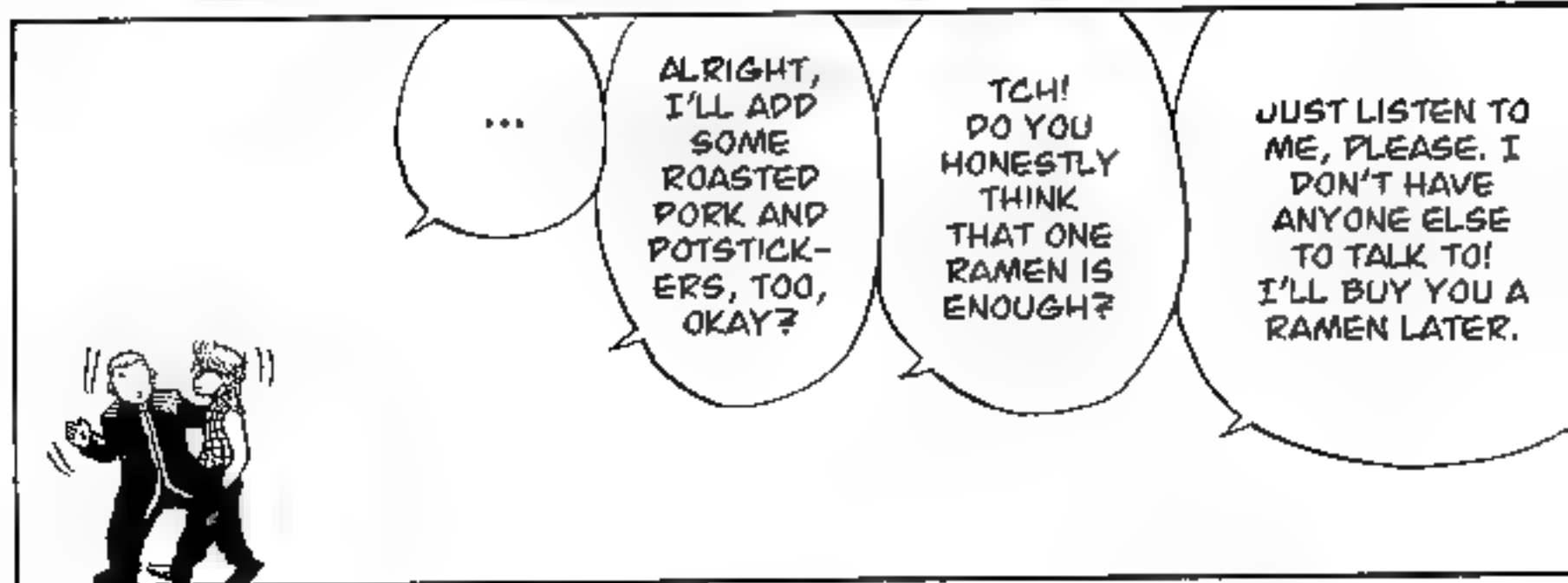
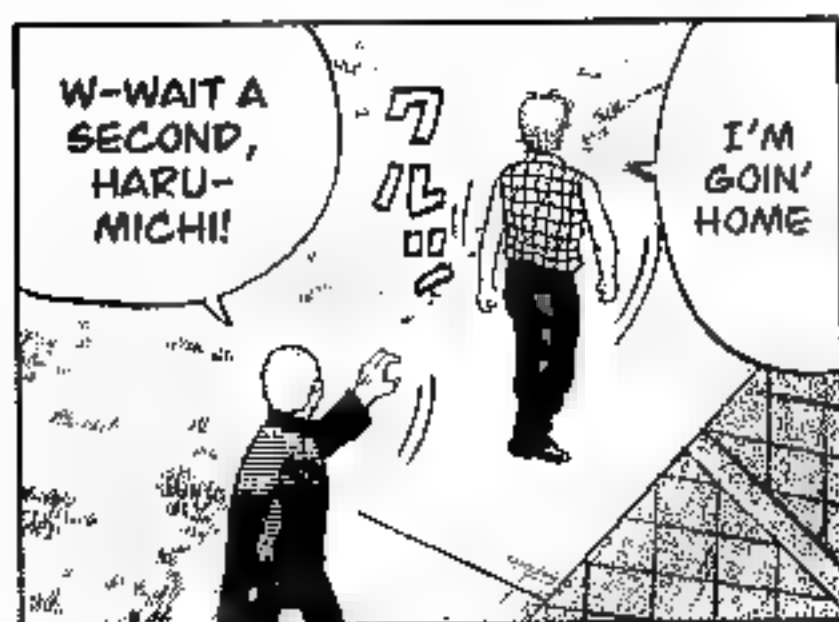
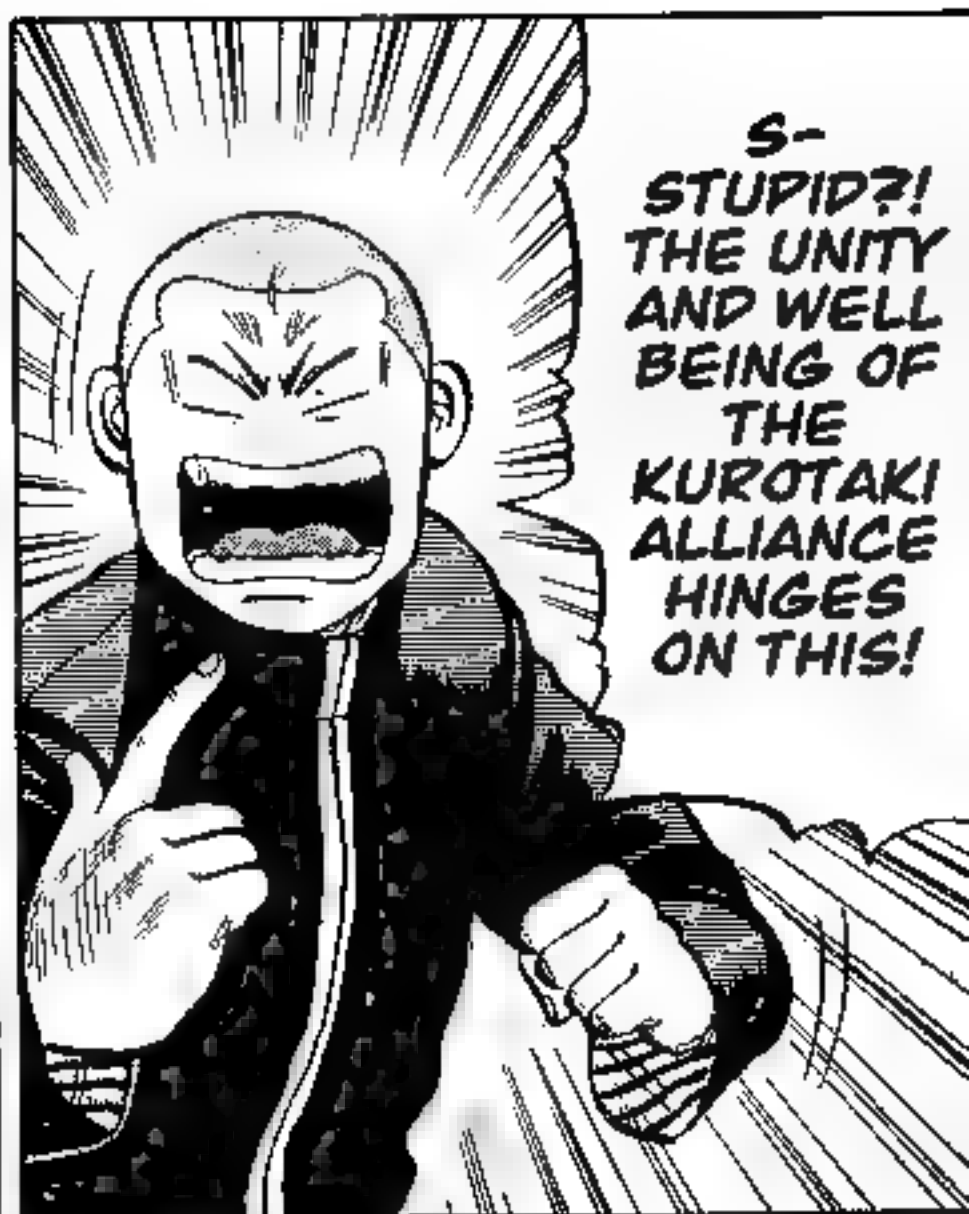


BUT
YOU
WERE
FREE
ANY-
WAYS,
RIGHT?

I'M SORRY
FOR HAVING
YOU MAKE
THE TRIP.









**YOU MORON!
HOW COULD
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU BE
THE VICE
HEAD OF
THE GREAT
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE?**



**YOU
WANT
SOME
OF US
?!**

**LIKE YOU
CAN DO
BETTER!**



**WHAT
WAS
THAT
?!**

**YAGISAWA,
YOU JOINED
THE ALLI-
ANCE LAST!
NEW
RECRUITS
SHOULD
SHUT THEIR
MOUTHS
AND LISTEN
LIKE NEW
RECRUITS
SHOULD!**



SHUT IT!
HEMOR-
RHOIDS
CAN SIT
THIS ONE
OUT!



HEY!
CAN'T WE
ALL JUST
COOL OFF
AND TALK
THIS OUT?



OW
OW
OW!



WHAT
WAS
THAT
...?!



EVERY-
ONE
JUST
SIT
DOWN.

NOW IS
NOT THE
TIME TO
FIGHT!



WHERE
ARE YOU
STICKING
YOUR
NOSE,
BUMPKIN
?!



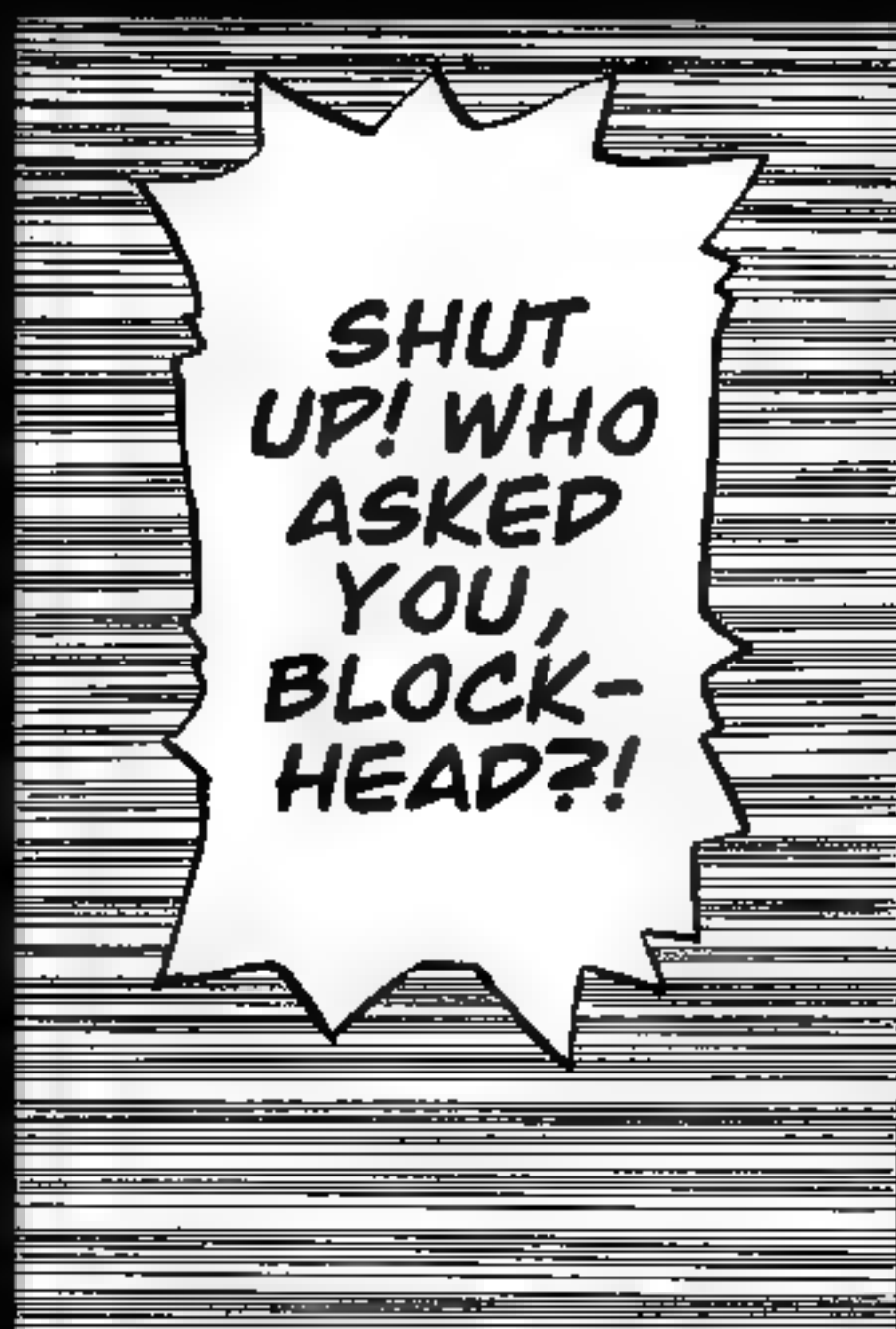
SO
YOU
WANT
TO
GO?

WHAT'D
YOU
JUST
SAY?



AL-
RIGHT,
LET'S
GO!

YOU
PUNK!





C-
CALM
DOWN!
CALM
DOWN,
CHIAKI!

GAHH!

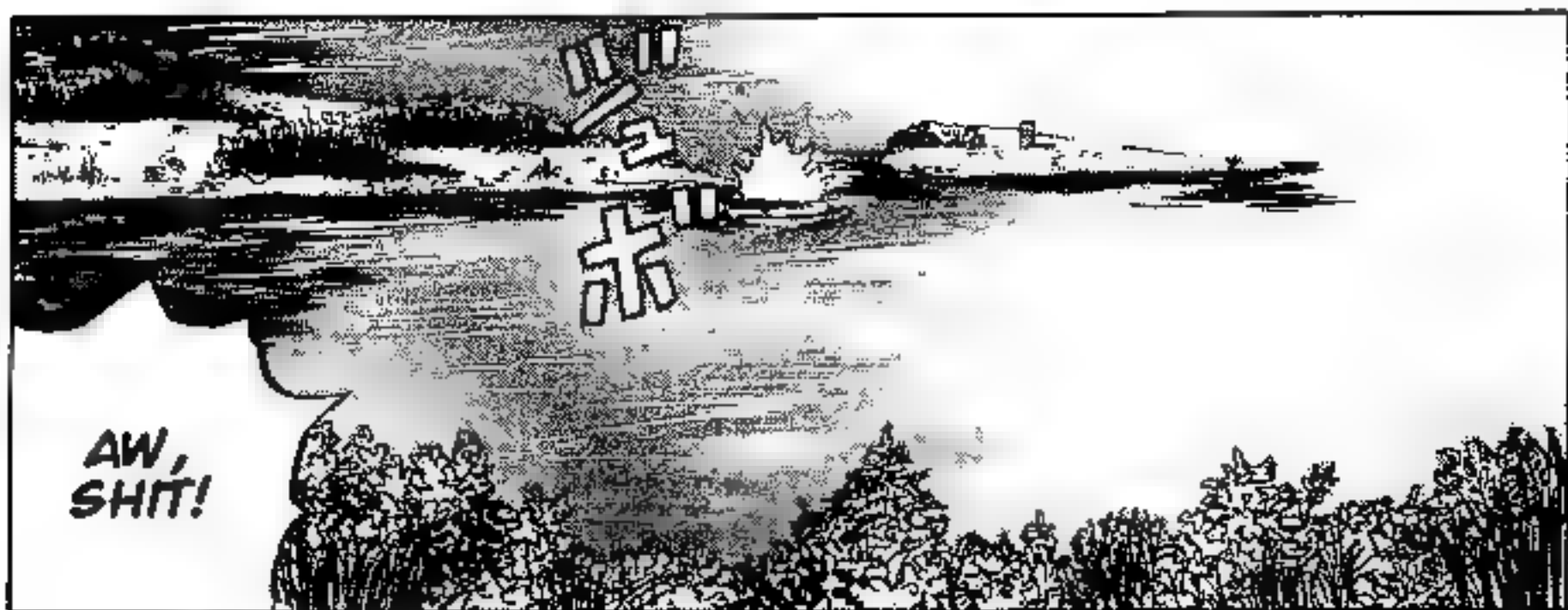
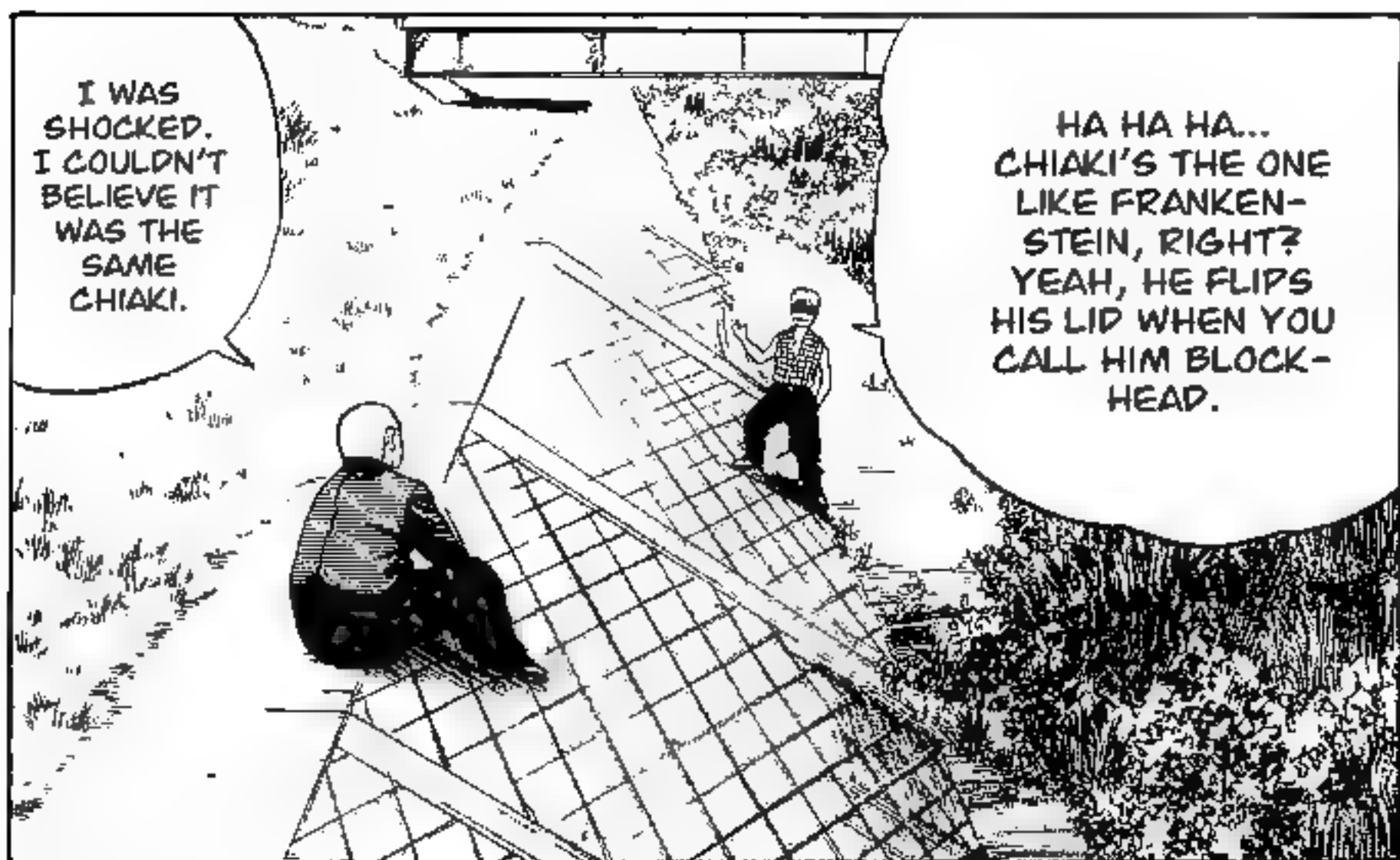
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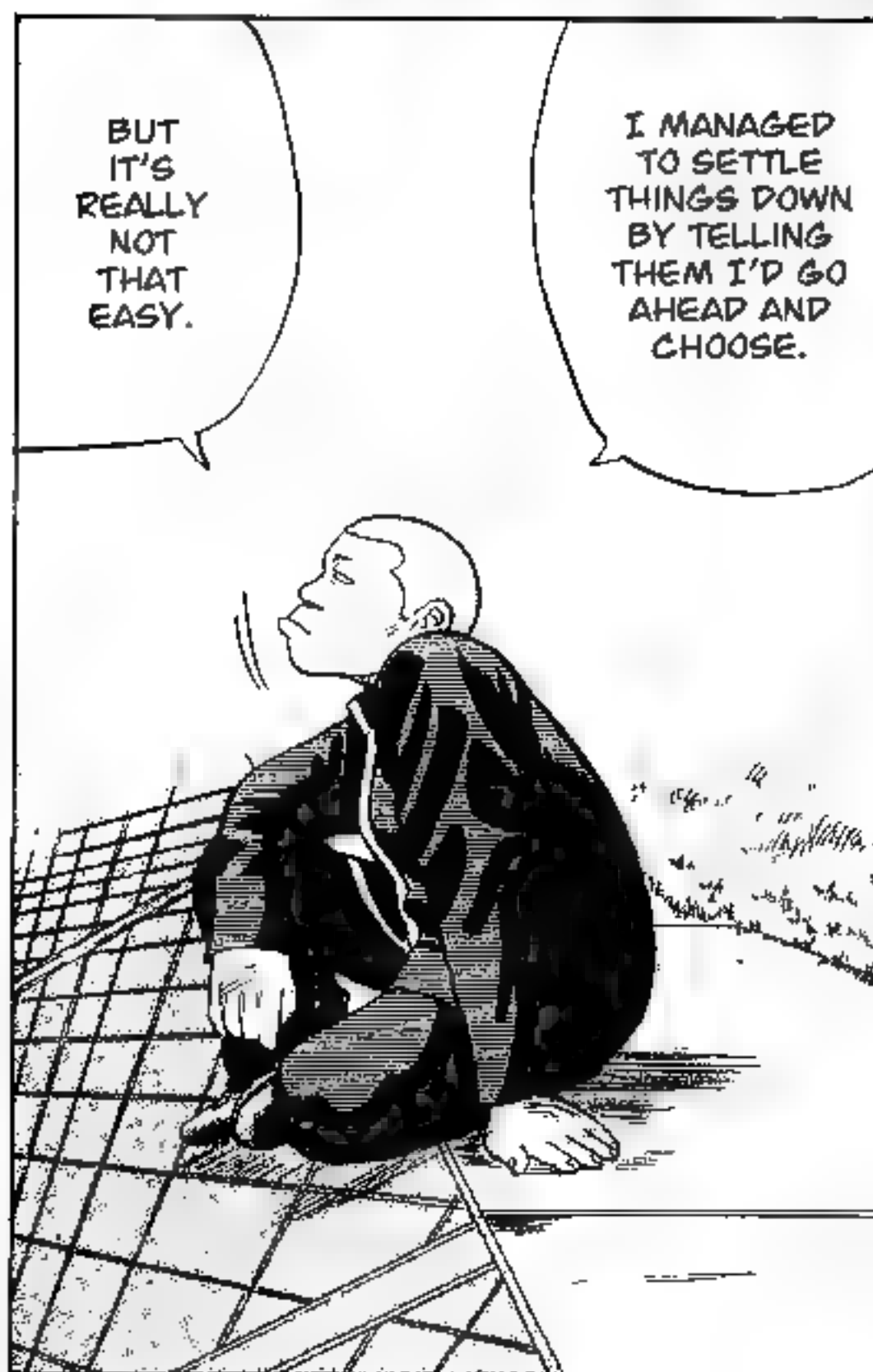
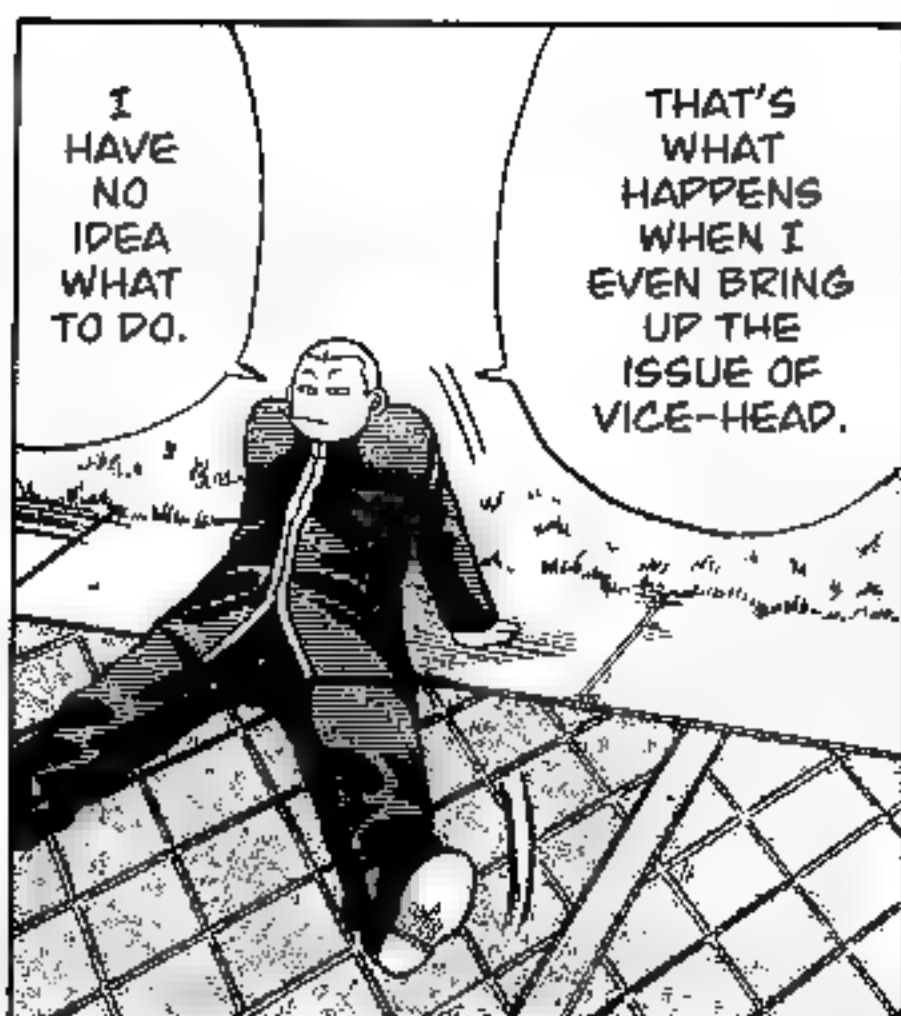
WHAT
THE
HELL
IS
THIS
?!

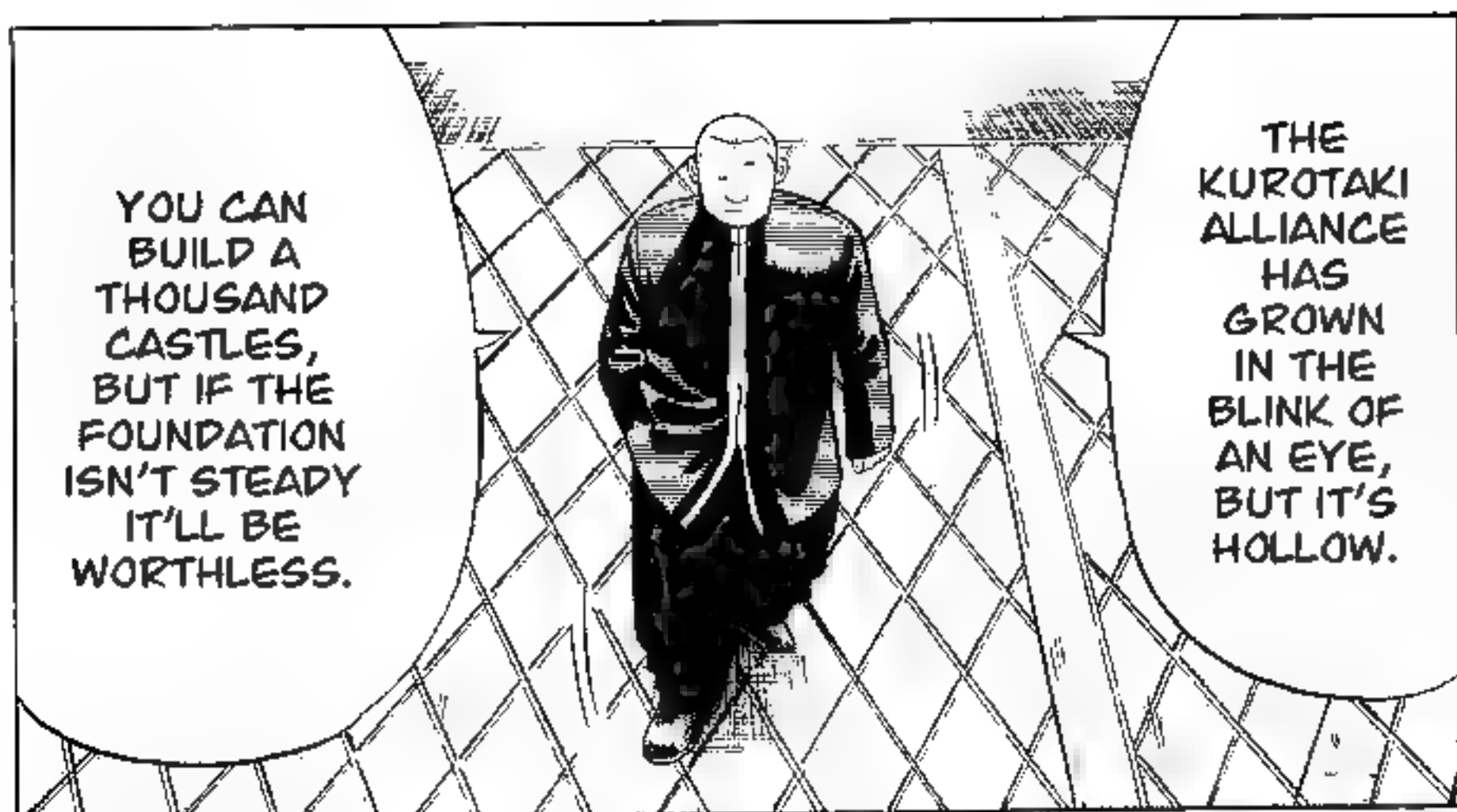
喫茶M 2F
36-15

WHOA!









YOU CAN
BUILD A
THOUSAND
CASTLES,
BUT IF THE
FOUNDATION
ISN'T STEADY
IT'LL BE
WORTHLESS.

THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE
HAS
GROWN
IN THE
BLINK OF
AN EYE,
BUT IT'S
HOLLOW.



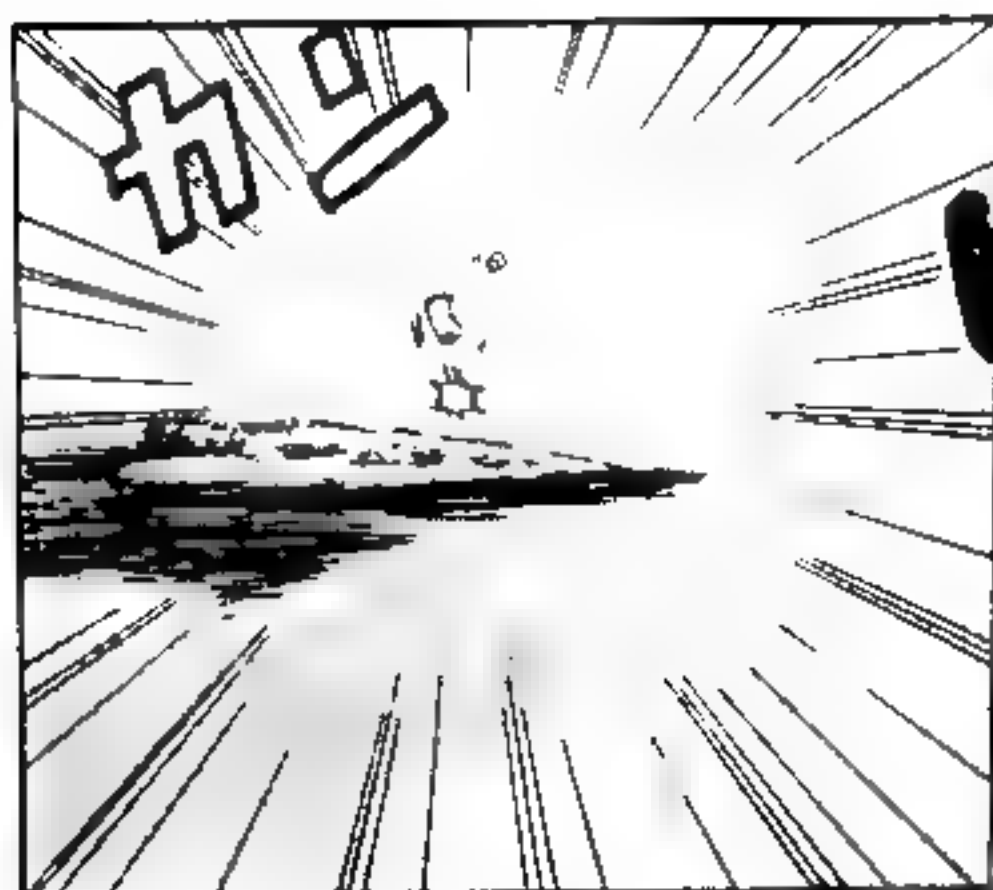
HEY!



WHAT
THE HELL
ARE YOU
AIMING
FOR?

TCH,
SO
CLOSE!







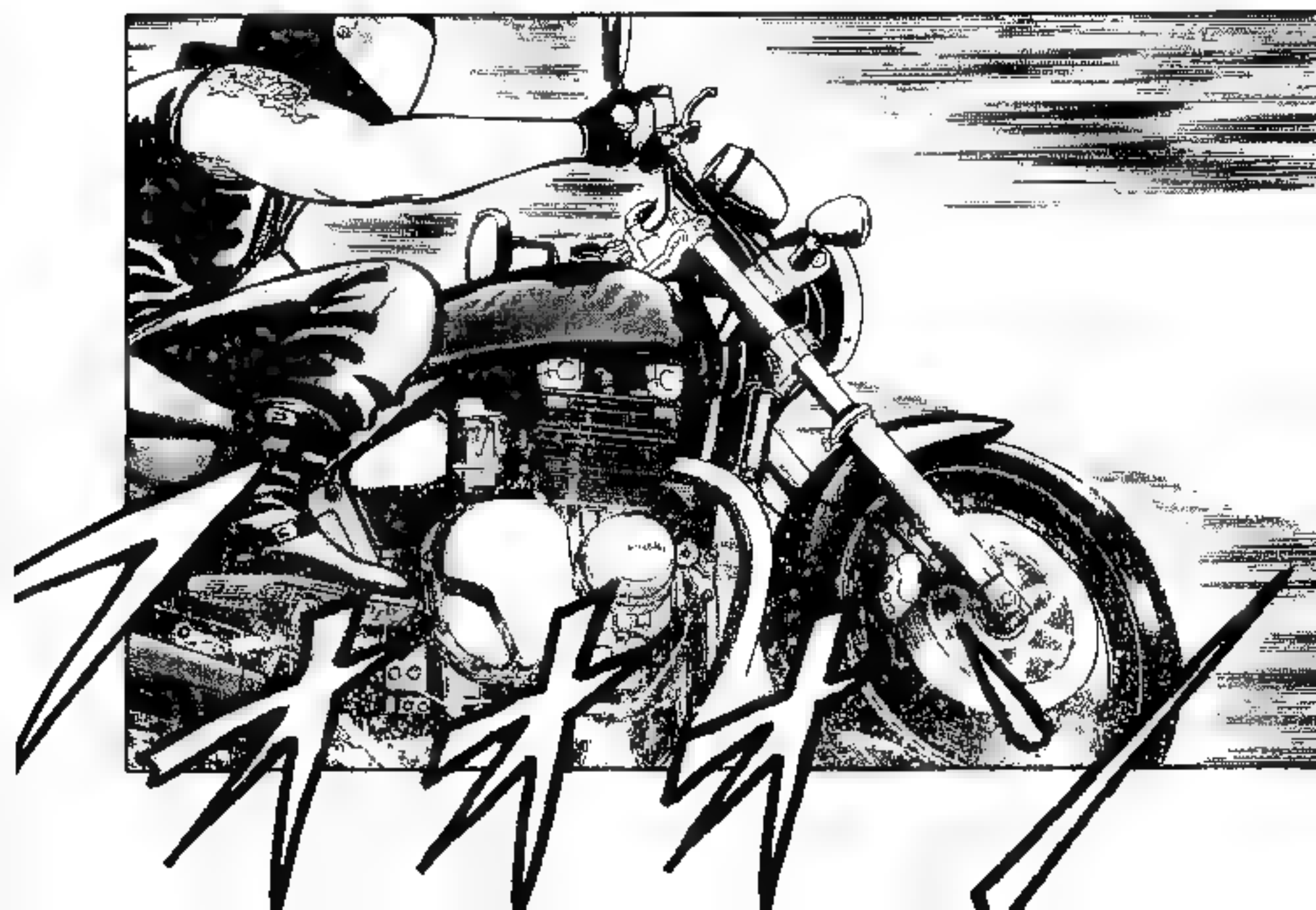
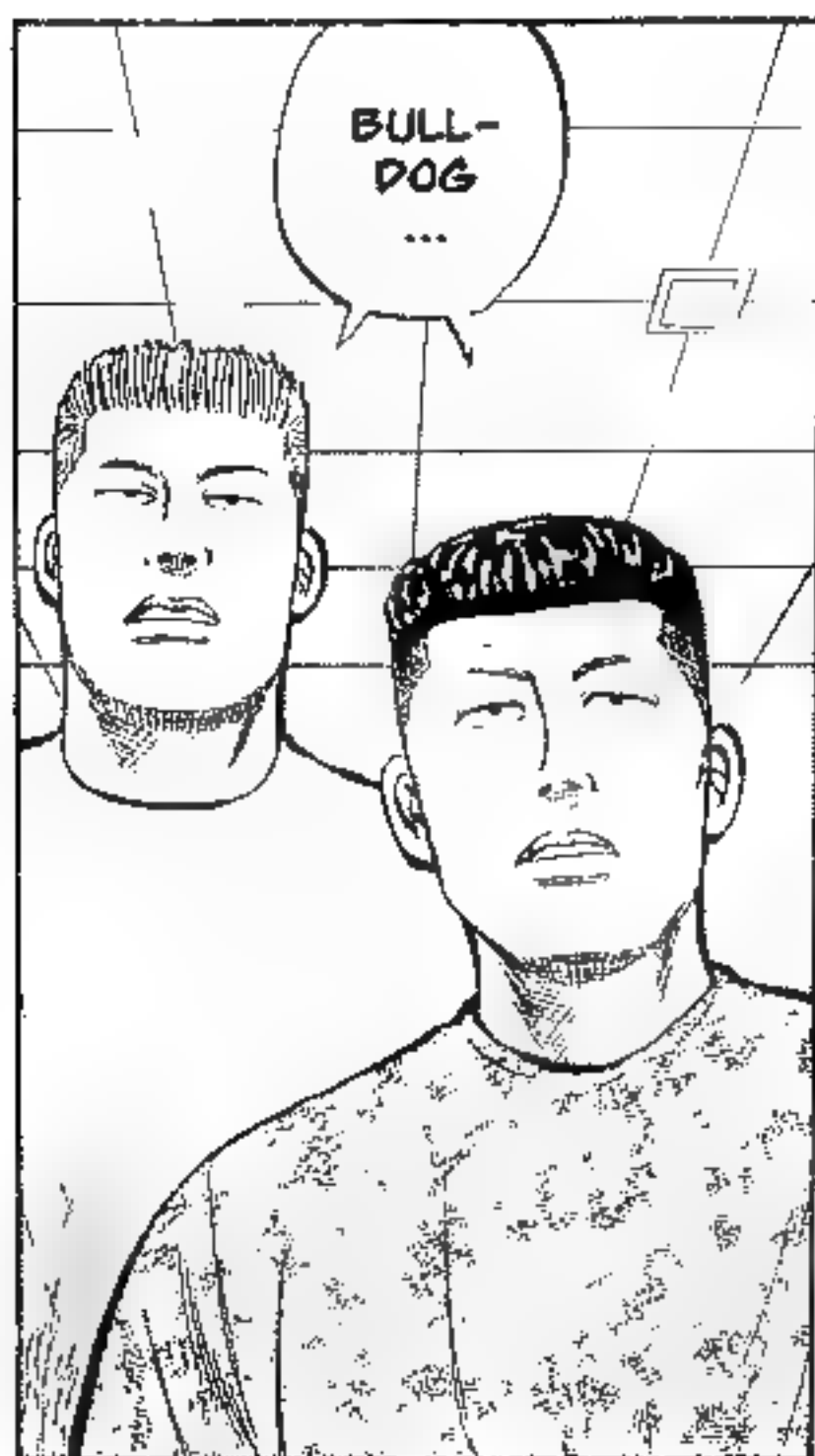
The next day, in the evening,
the rain began to pour...

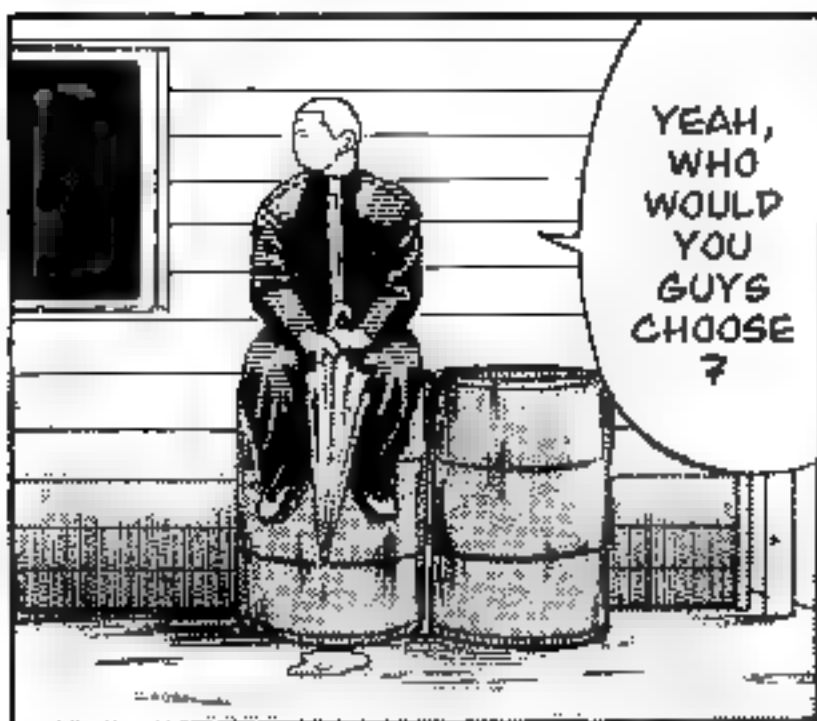












YEAH,
WHO
WOULD
YOU
GUYS
CHOOSE
?



THE
VICE
HEAD?



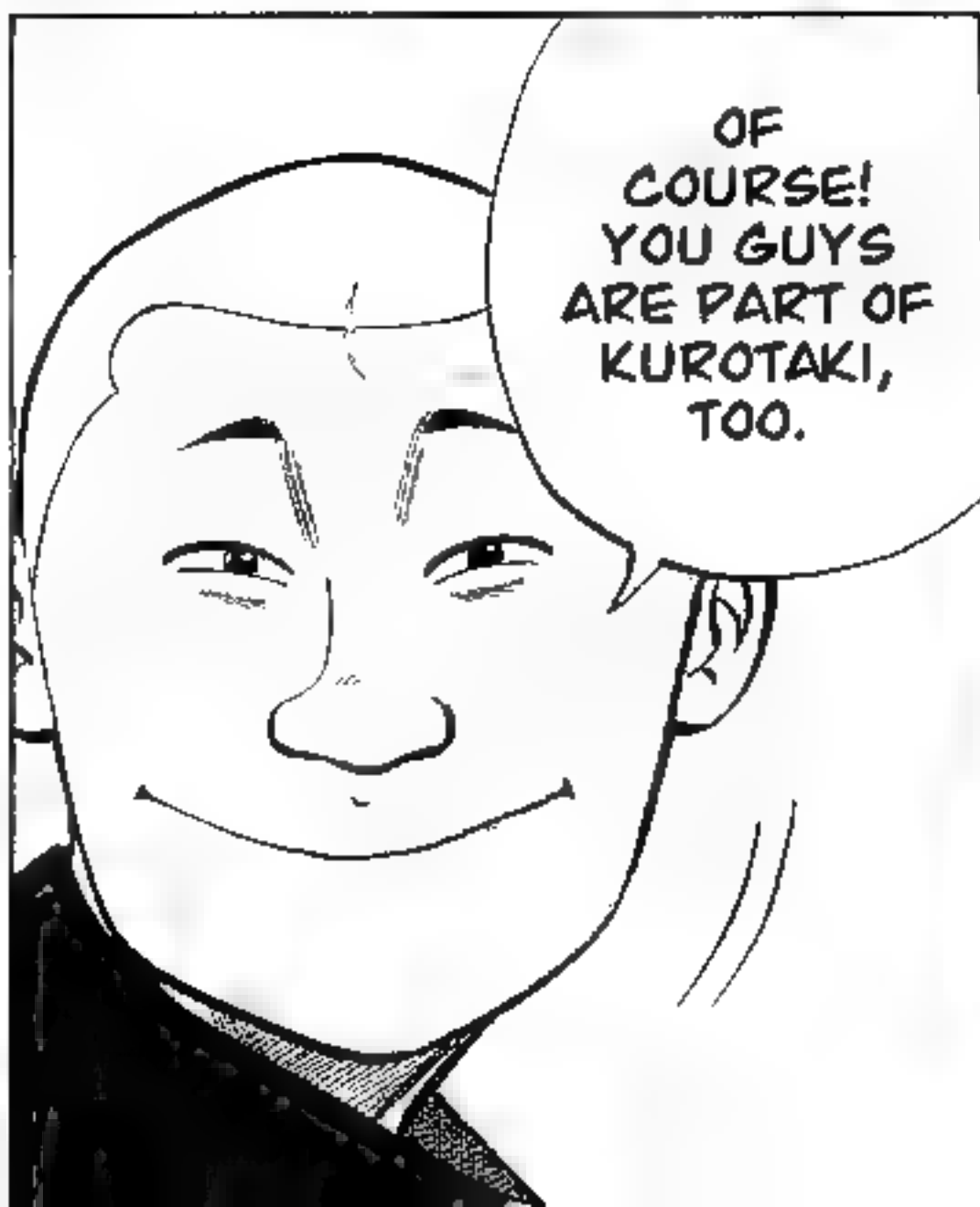
I
MEAN YOU
GUYS ARE
NOMINEES,
TOO...

YEAH
...



YEAH
...

I-I
DUNNO
...



OF
COURSE!
YOU GUYS
ARE PART OF
KUROTAKE,
TOO.



U-US
...?

WHAT?!



...

!!

BULL-
DOG
...



HEY
WE'RE
FINE
BULLDOG

MY MUG
IS RIGHT IN
FRONT OF
ME SO
YOU GUYS
USE THIS
UMBRELLA

WE'RE
FINE!

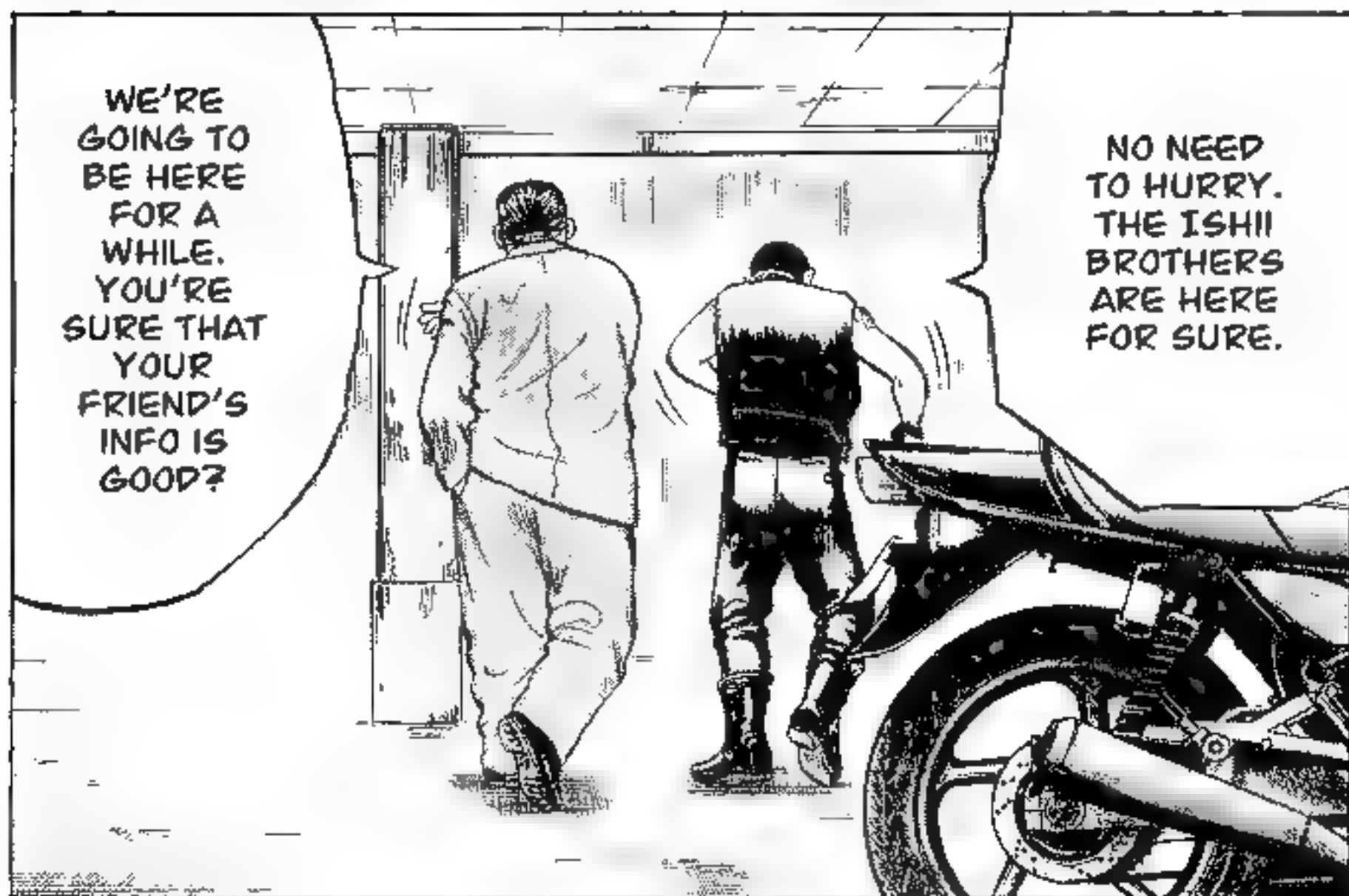
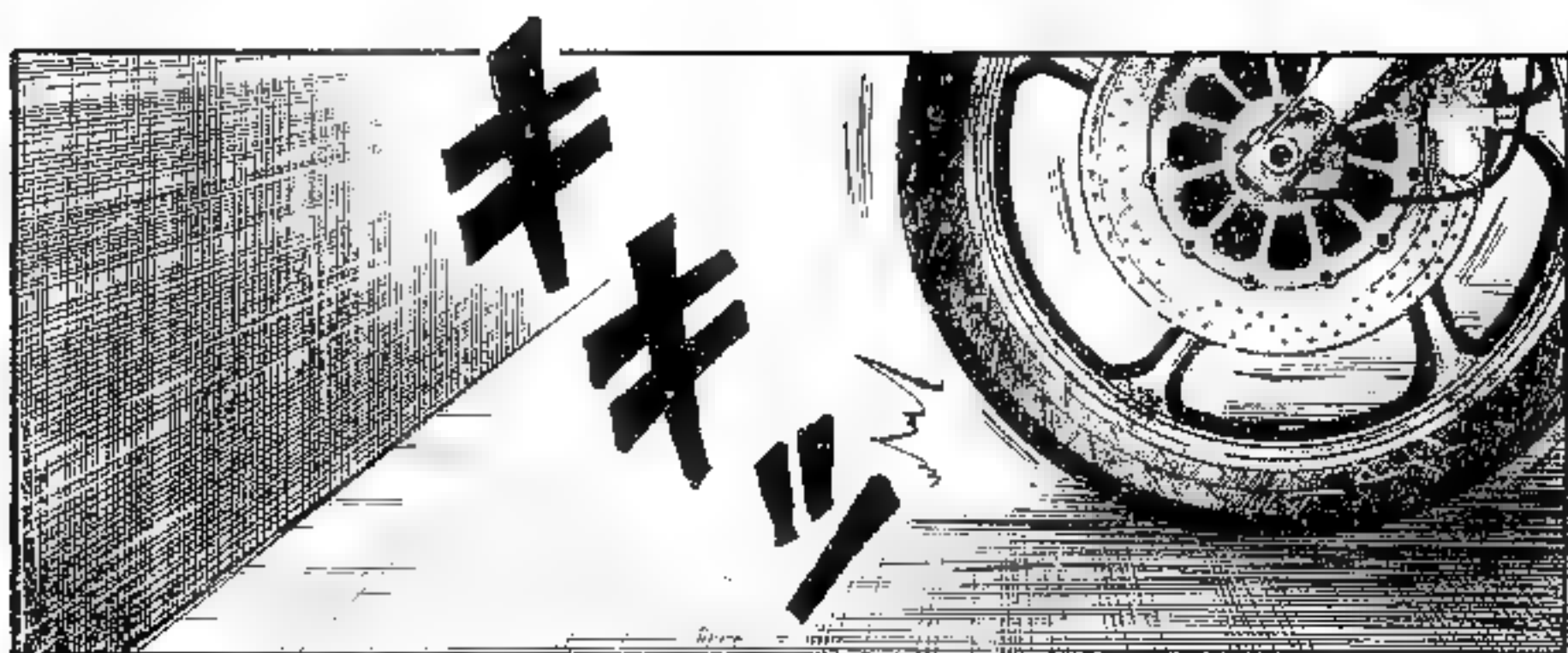
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SHOULD
BE HA-
BY GET
GONG

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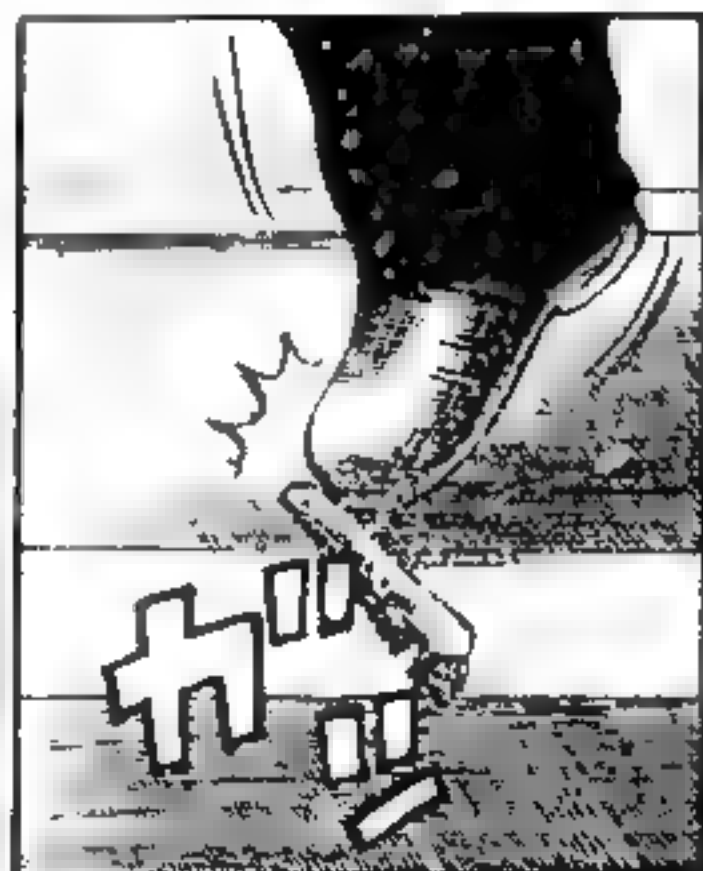
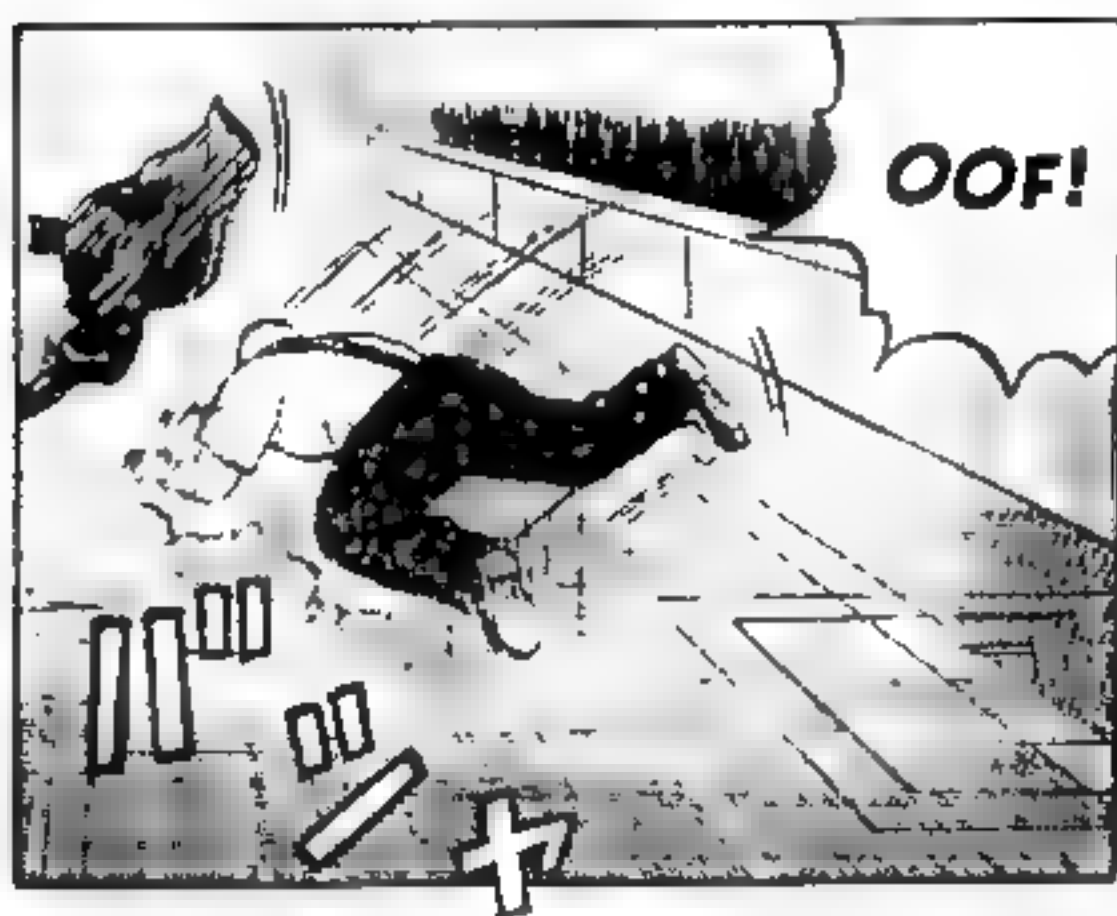
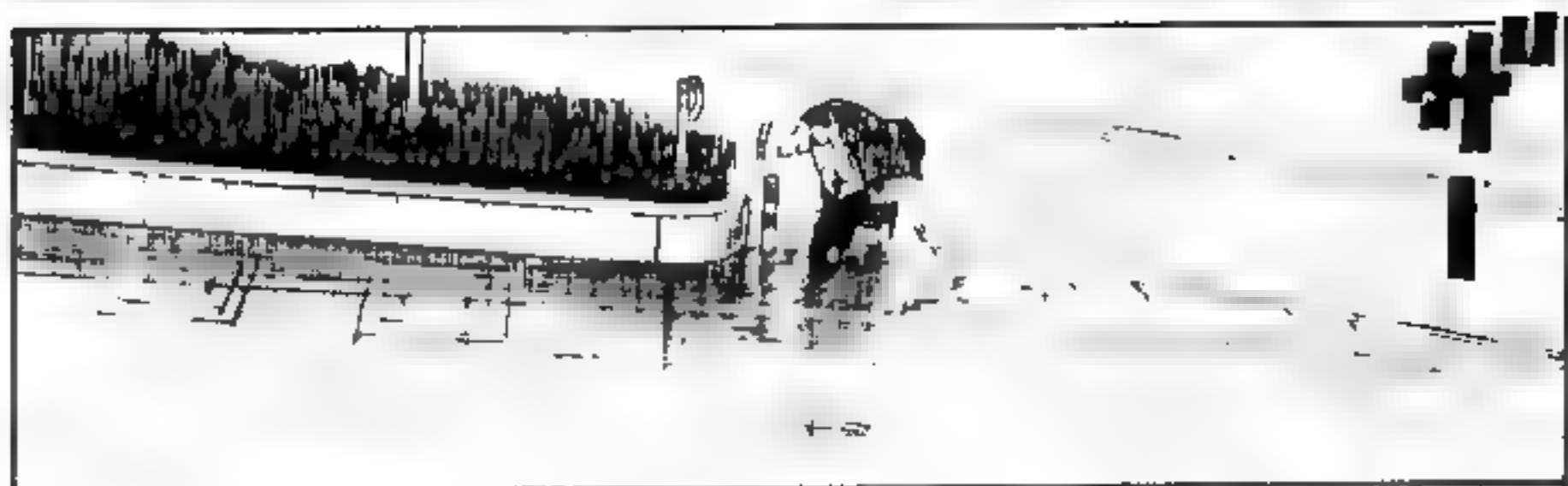










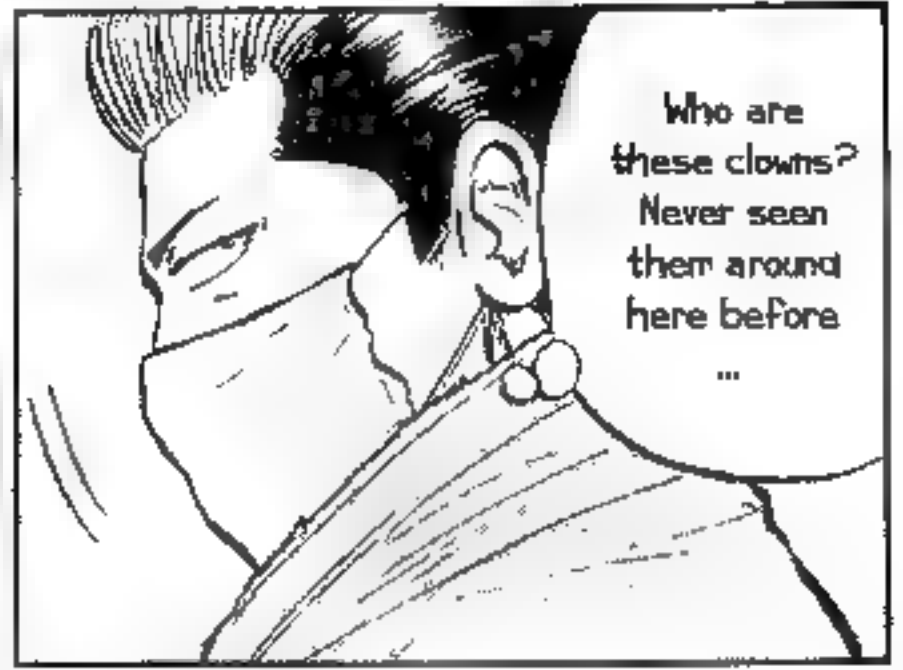


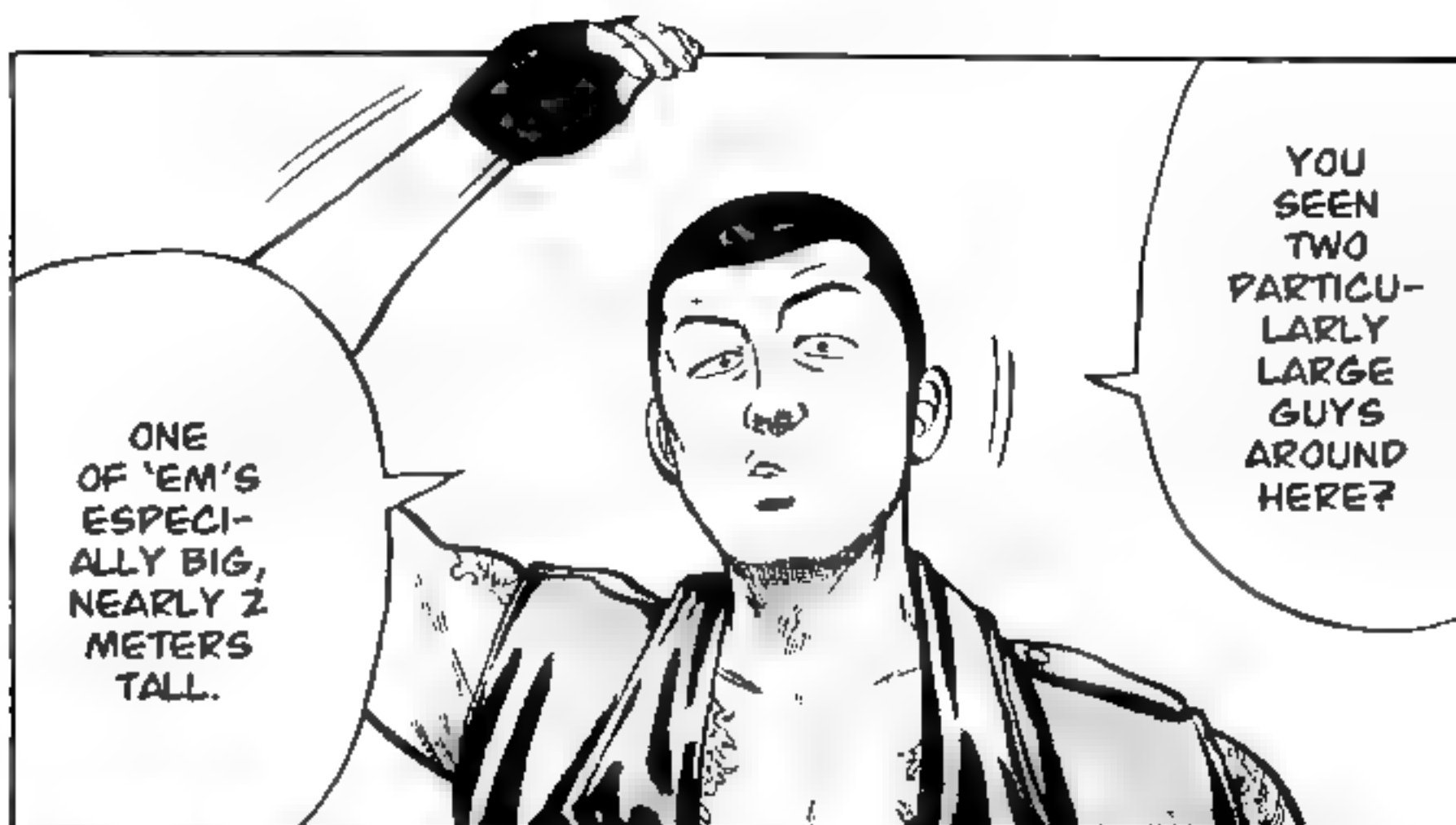


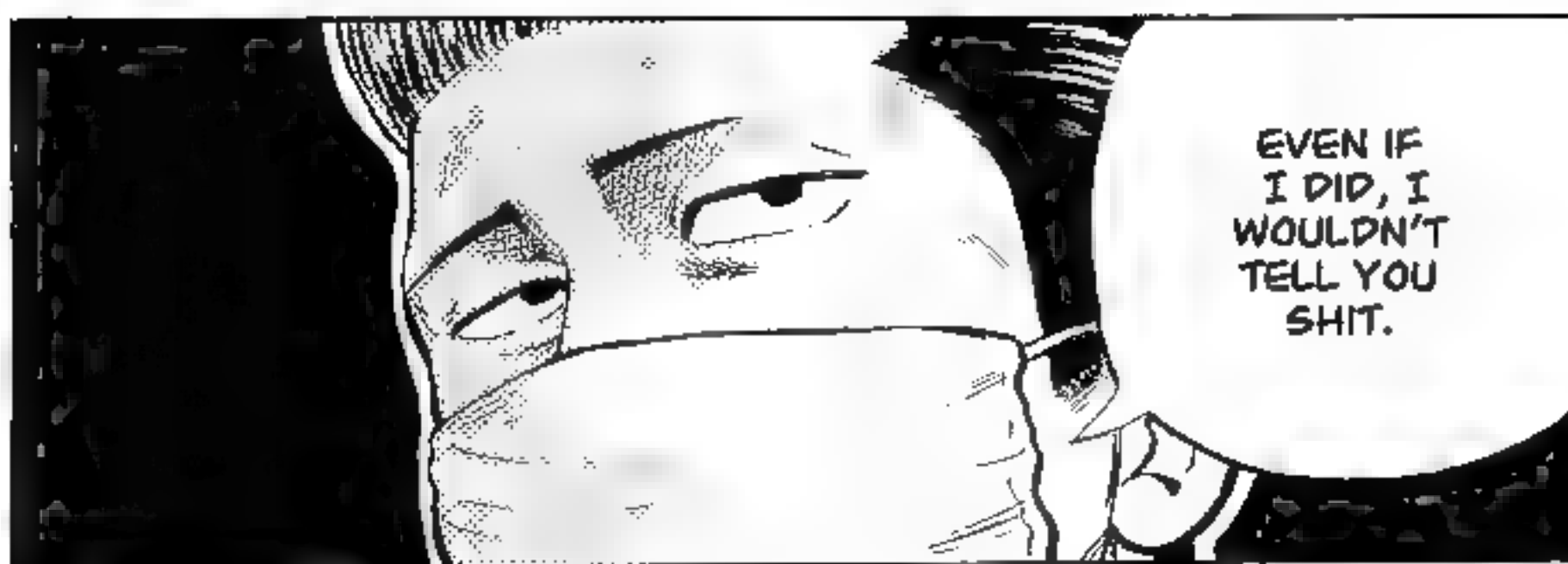


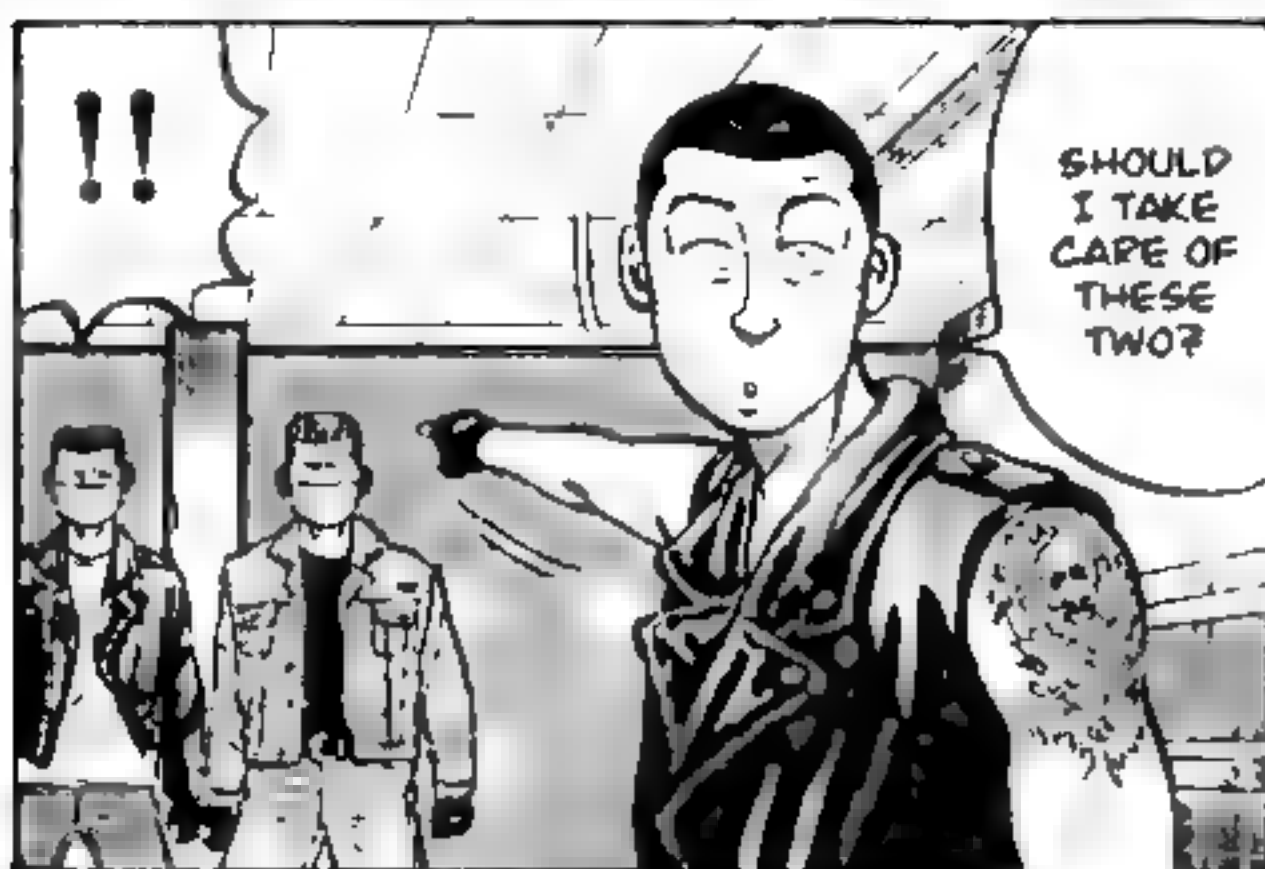
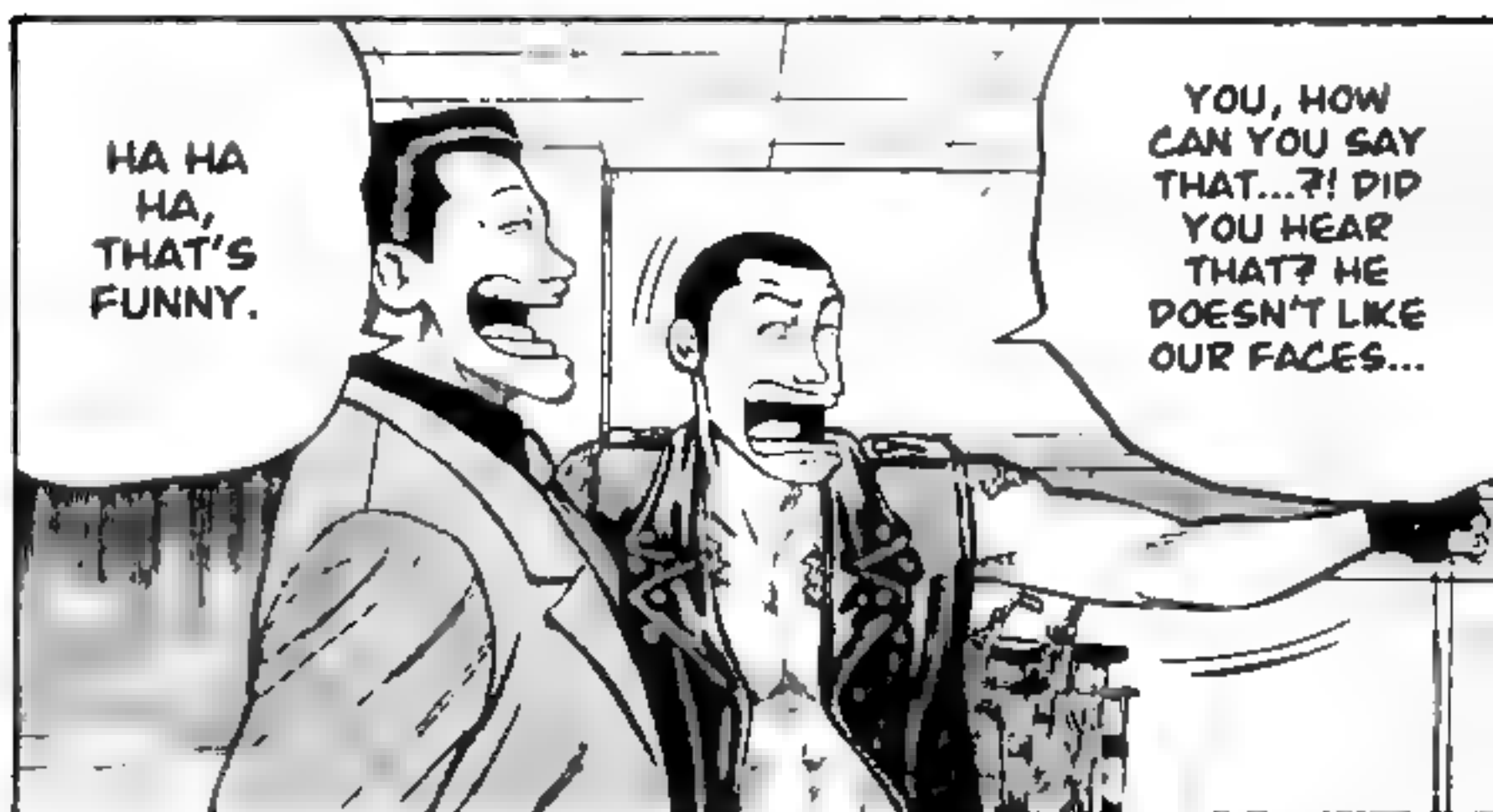
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AAAAHH-
HHHHH!

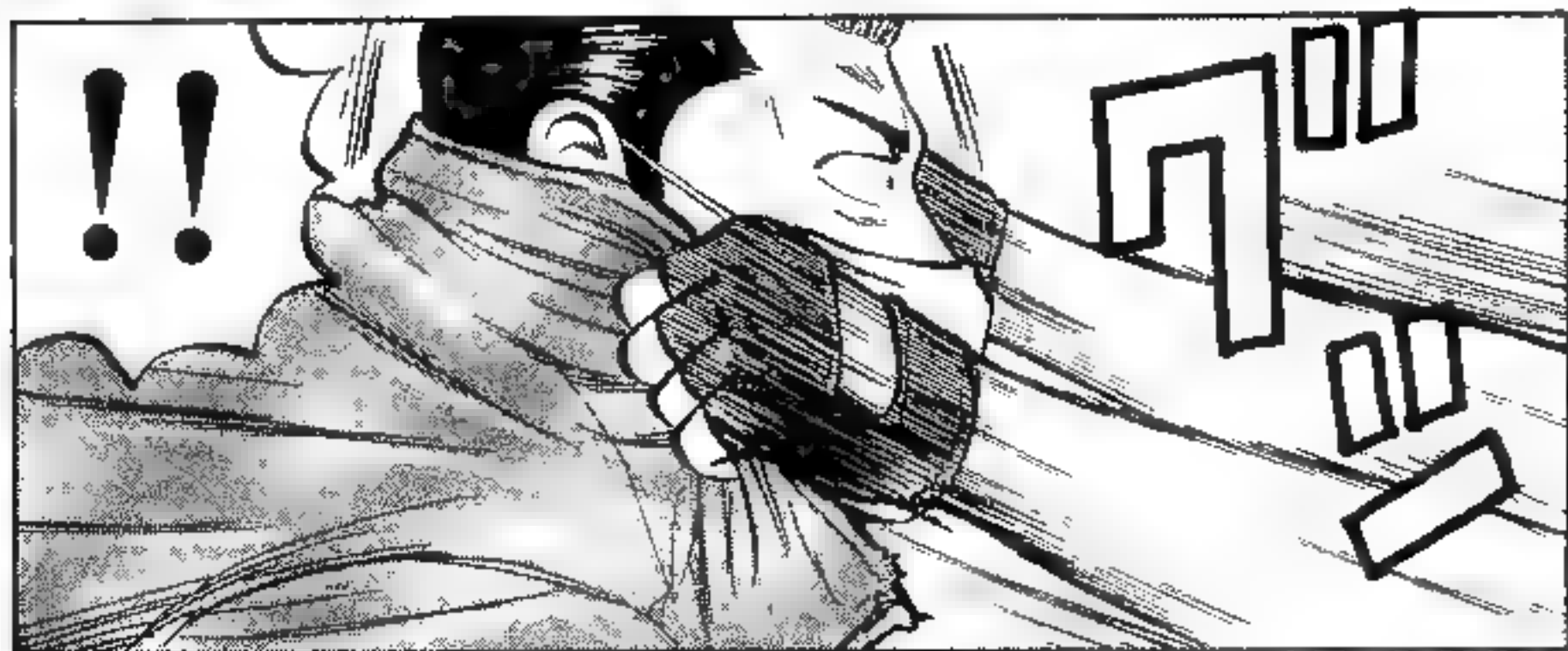

























He seems
to be a
high
schooler.

Yeah - he's
speaking non-
sense, but he
isn't answering
my questions.
He's bleeding
pretty badly.



Alright.
We'll be
there in 5
minutes!

The rain poured harder and harder....





IF I WERE TO SPEAK MY MIND...

PART 30

Congratulations to Ito Kouichi and Nakano Kyoko on getting married (June 6, 1993)! I'll definitely come hang out!

Congratulations to Kamiya Keiichi and Isawa Norika on getting married (June 12, 1993)! Next time I'll take more time to see you!

Eito Atsushi, you still hangin' in there?!

Oono-san,
Thanks for always looking out for me! Oono Ryouhei-kun, Kyouhei-kun, keep cheering me on, yeah?

Uchizawa Kyouhei-kun, congratulations on entering Kindergarten!
Right now you're a big fan of 'Crayon Shin-chan' right? Next it'll be 'Crows', right? But more importantly, you remember me, right? I'm the 'Manga Uncle' who's always getting drunk with Grandpa Uchizawa!

So, to everyone who has kindly purchased **Crows Volume 9**, it's been a while! How are you doing?! Me?! I am doing **Great!** I'm doing awesome! By the way, everyone, never stop dreaming! (I mean, duh. .) Bitter times, painful times, times when things just don't go well. There will be lots of times like that. But, you can get past them! Just **Believe in yourself!** You do that and someday, you'll think back and say, "Ahhh. Looks like I was not mistaken after all!"

If you give up halfway, you'll miss your once-in-a-lifetime chance encounter! Why am I getting so passionate about this? Look at the next page and you'll see why
Gaaaahahahaha... If I may speak my mind, what happened to the "Road to Becoming a Mangaka?" Who cares about that old tale now? I can write that whenever, anyway. Don't worry, don't worry. **Gaaaahahahaha...**

We meet

March 26-27,
1993, at the
Shinjuku Loft

THE STREET BEATS

1. An unforeseen happening!

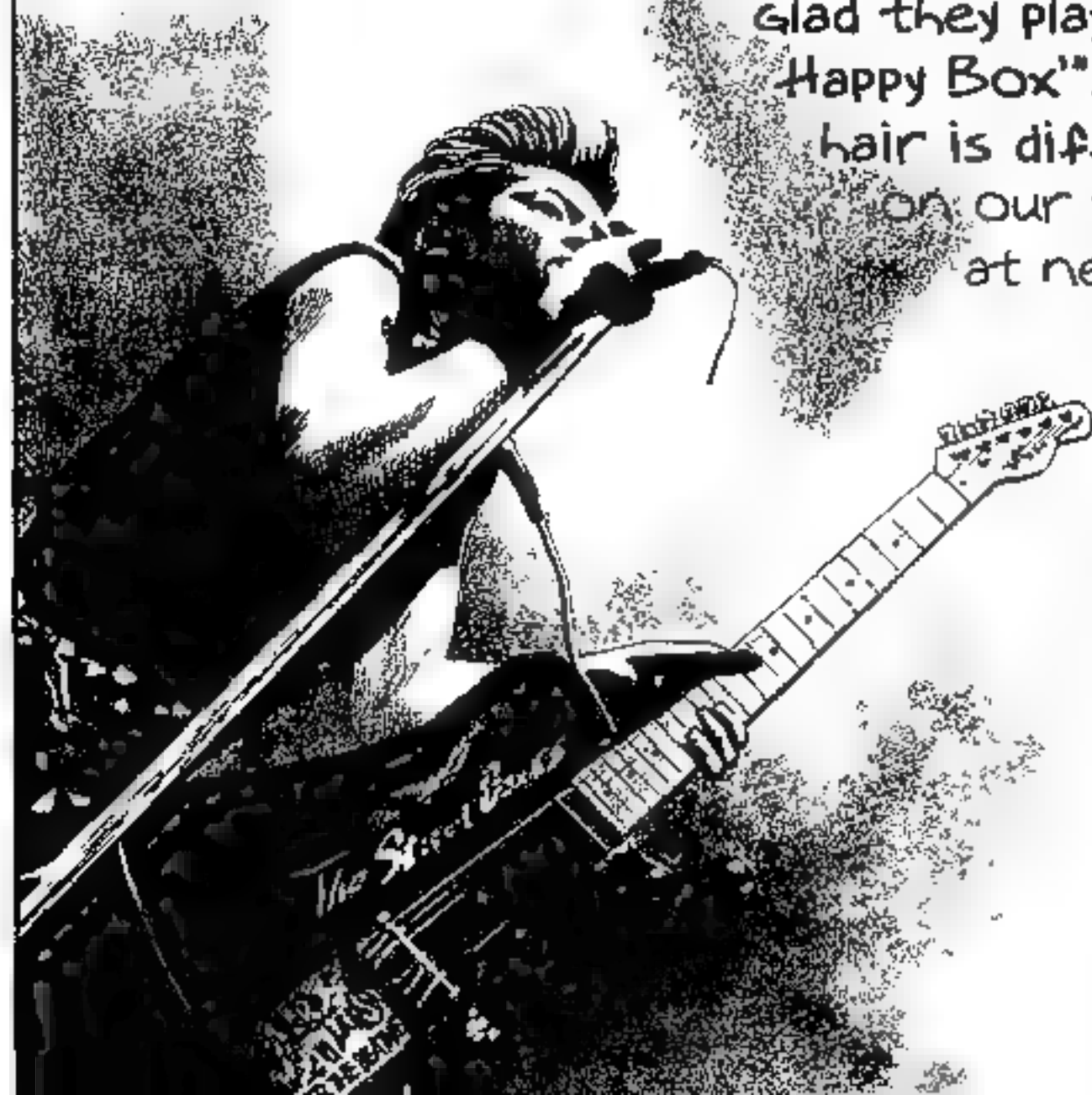
On April 28th, 1991, at Club Citta Kawasaki,
it'd been about two years since I first saw

THE STREET BEATS live. During those two years,
I went to a whole bunch of concert venues to see
the Beats many, many times with Shigeru, Horie and
other friends. We'd drink alcohol and say things like,

"That new song rocked!"
or "They didn't play
'I Can't Promise', but I'm
glad they played 'Find Your
Happy Box'", and "OK!'
hair is different again!"

On our way back home
at nearly dawn

It was times
like those,
that would
come after a
really busy day
at work, that
I loved.



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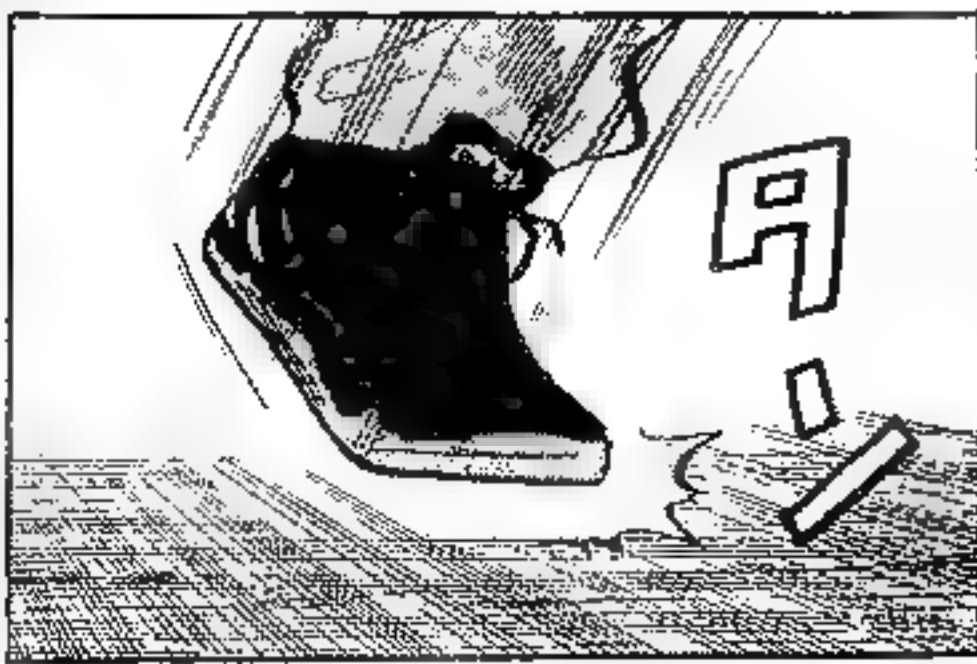
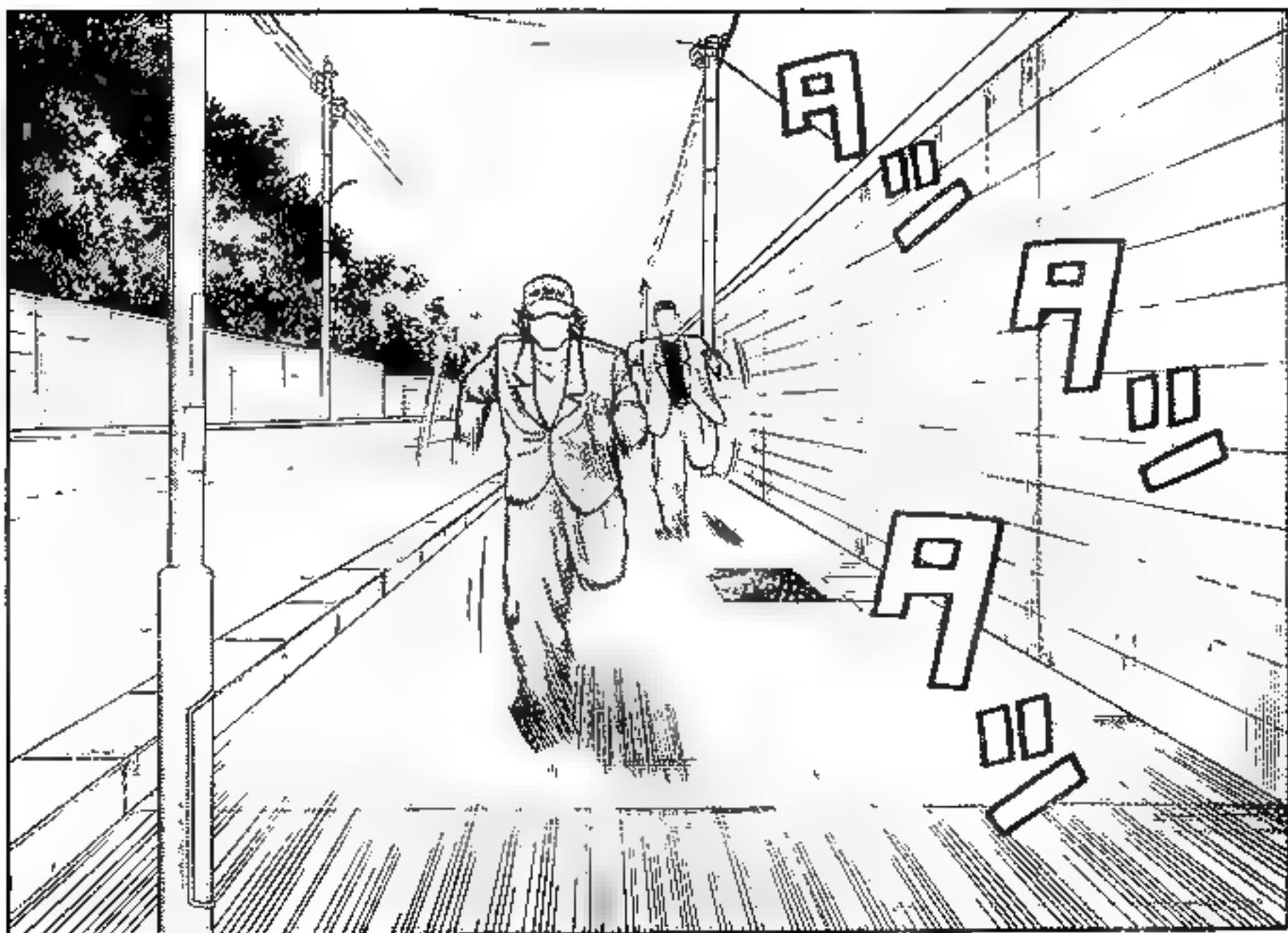
**WARNING! I DON'T WANT TO THINK OF NOTHING
EVER TO DO!**

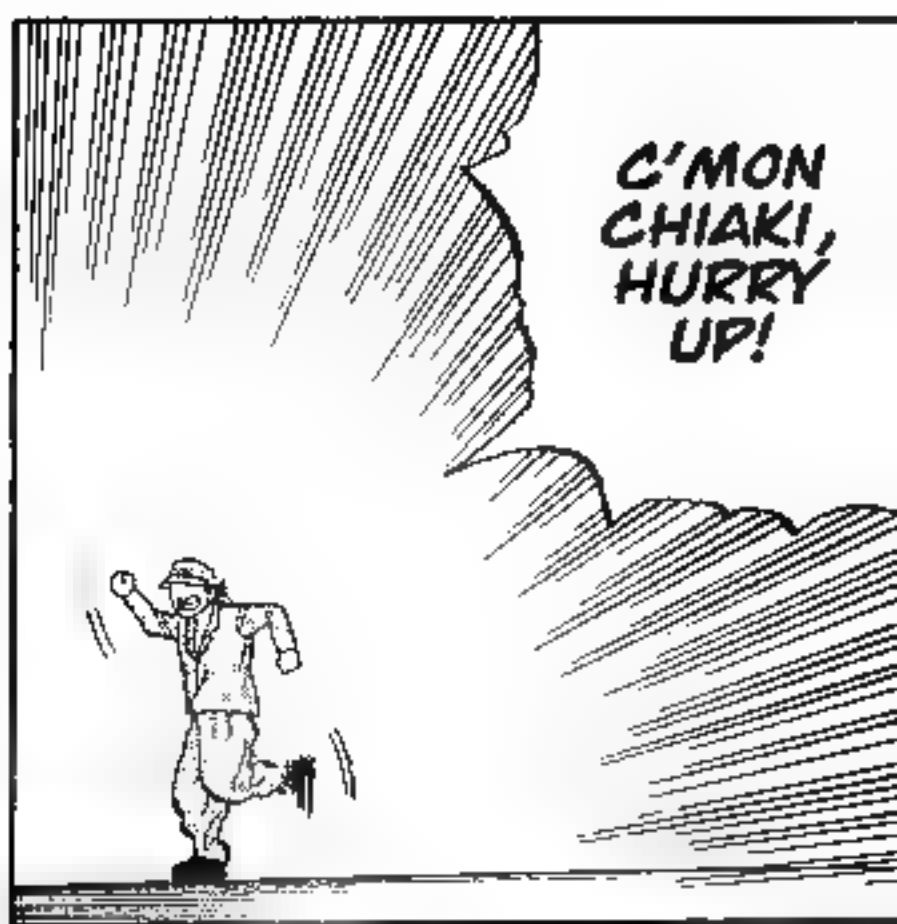
WARNING!

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CHAPTER 31: ALL OVER THE PLACE





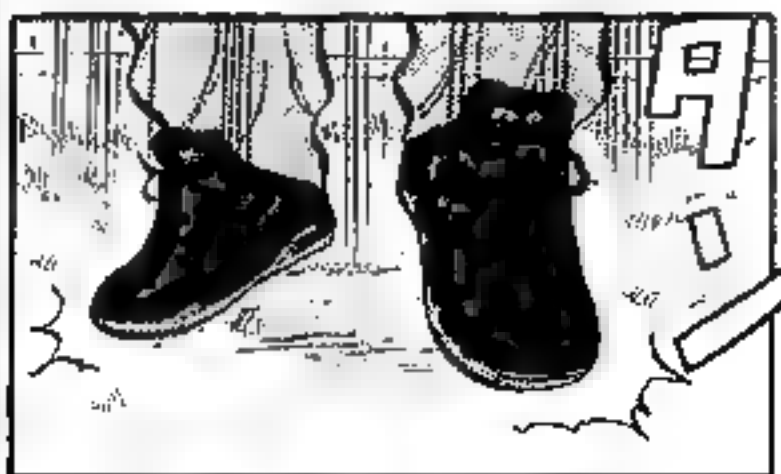




HEY!
OVER
HERE!

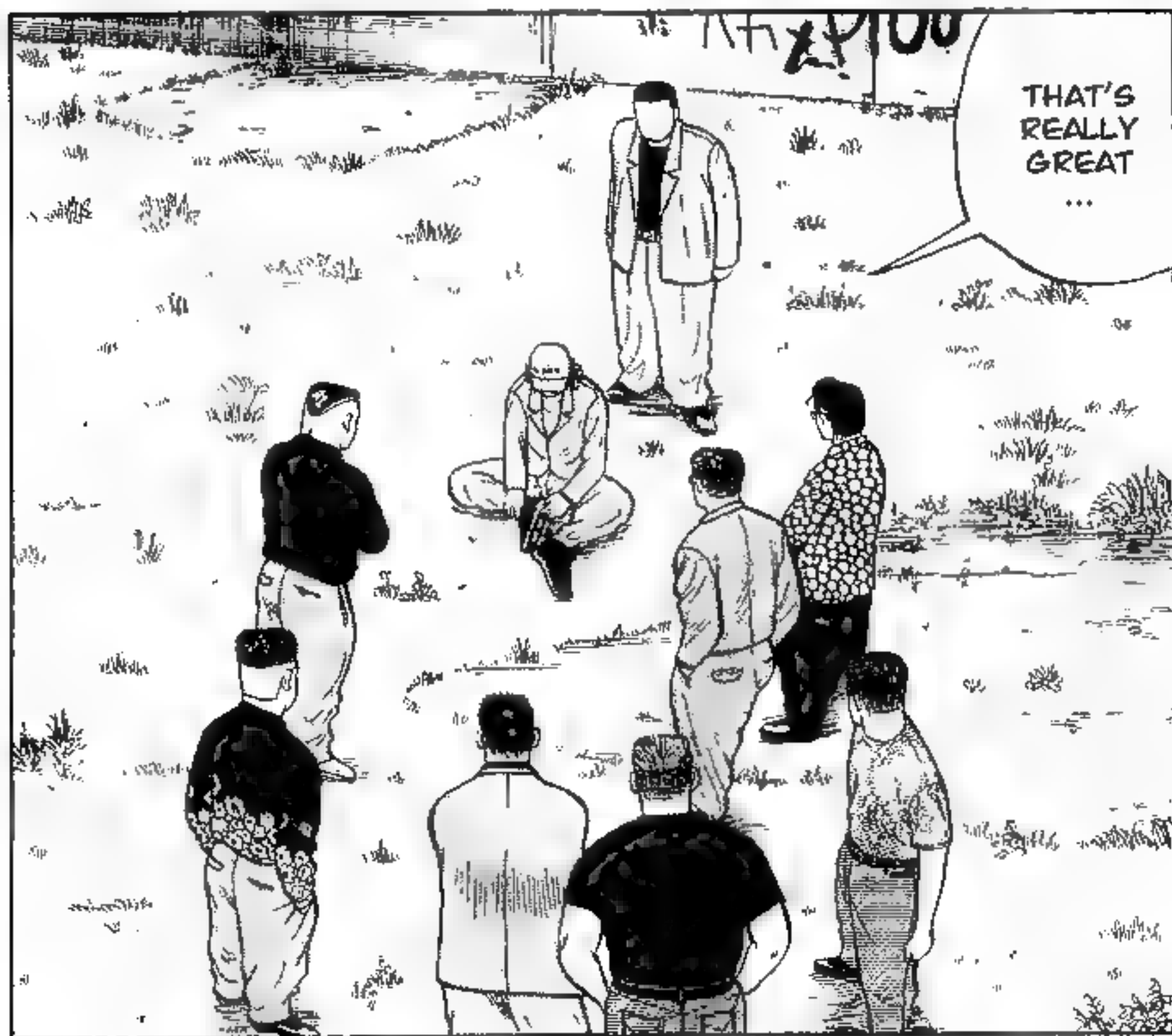


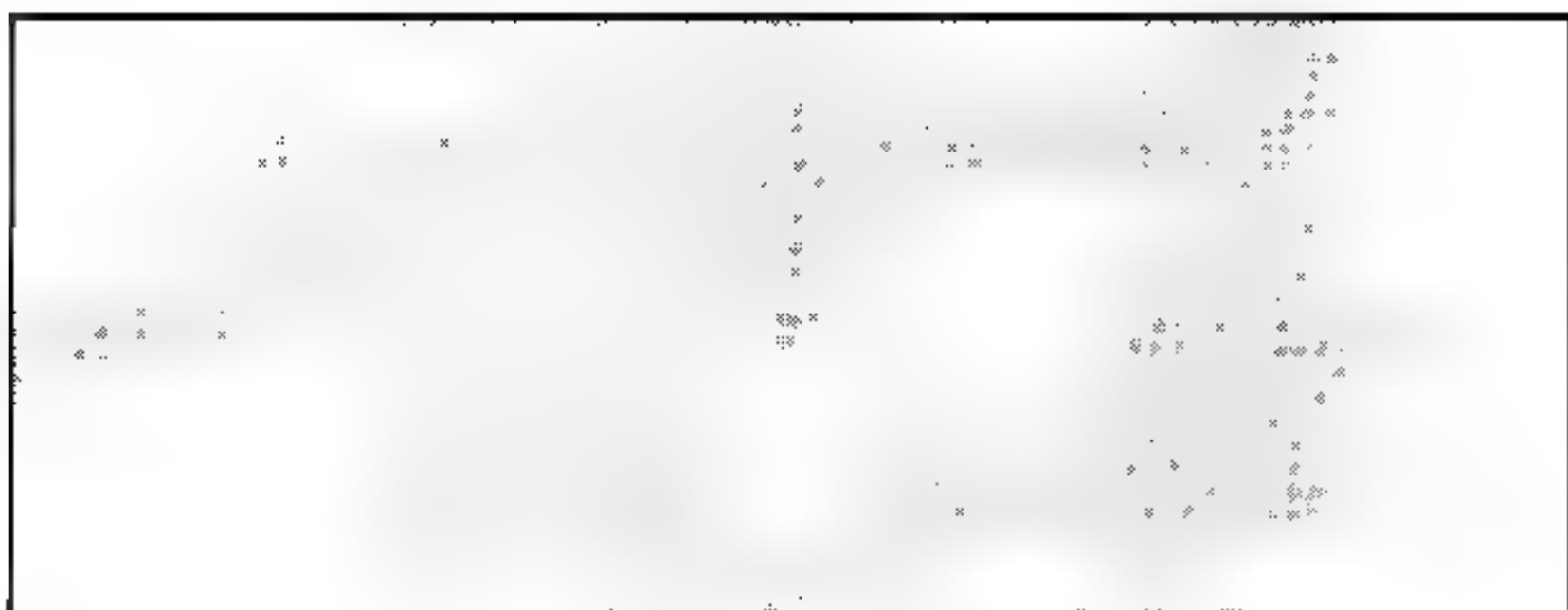
SO?
WHAT
ABOUT
BULL-
DOG?
HOW'S
BULL-
DOG?!

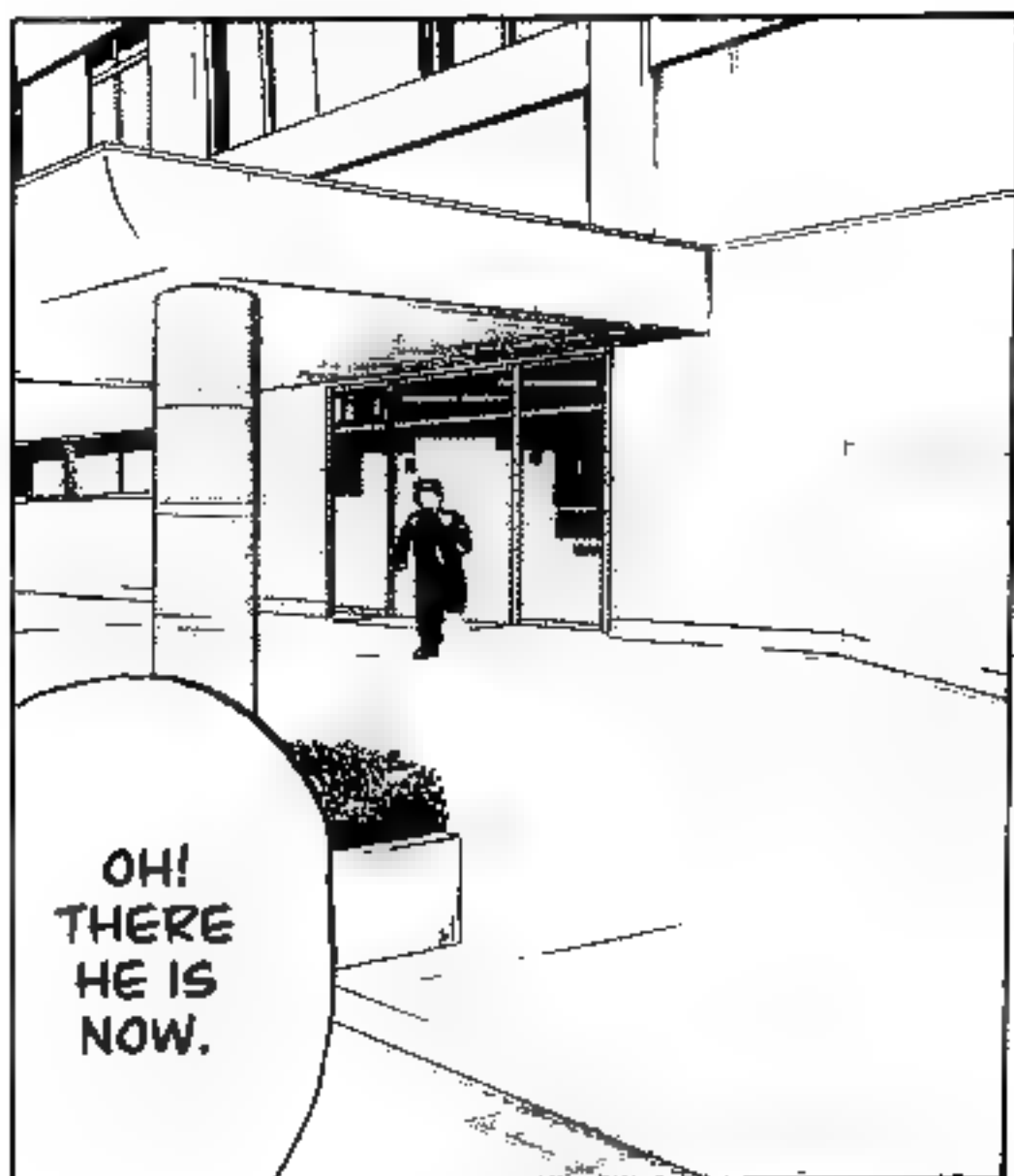


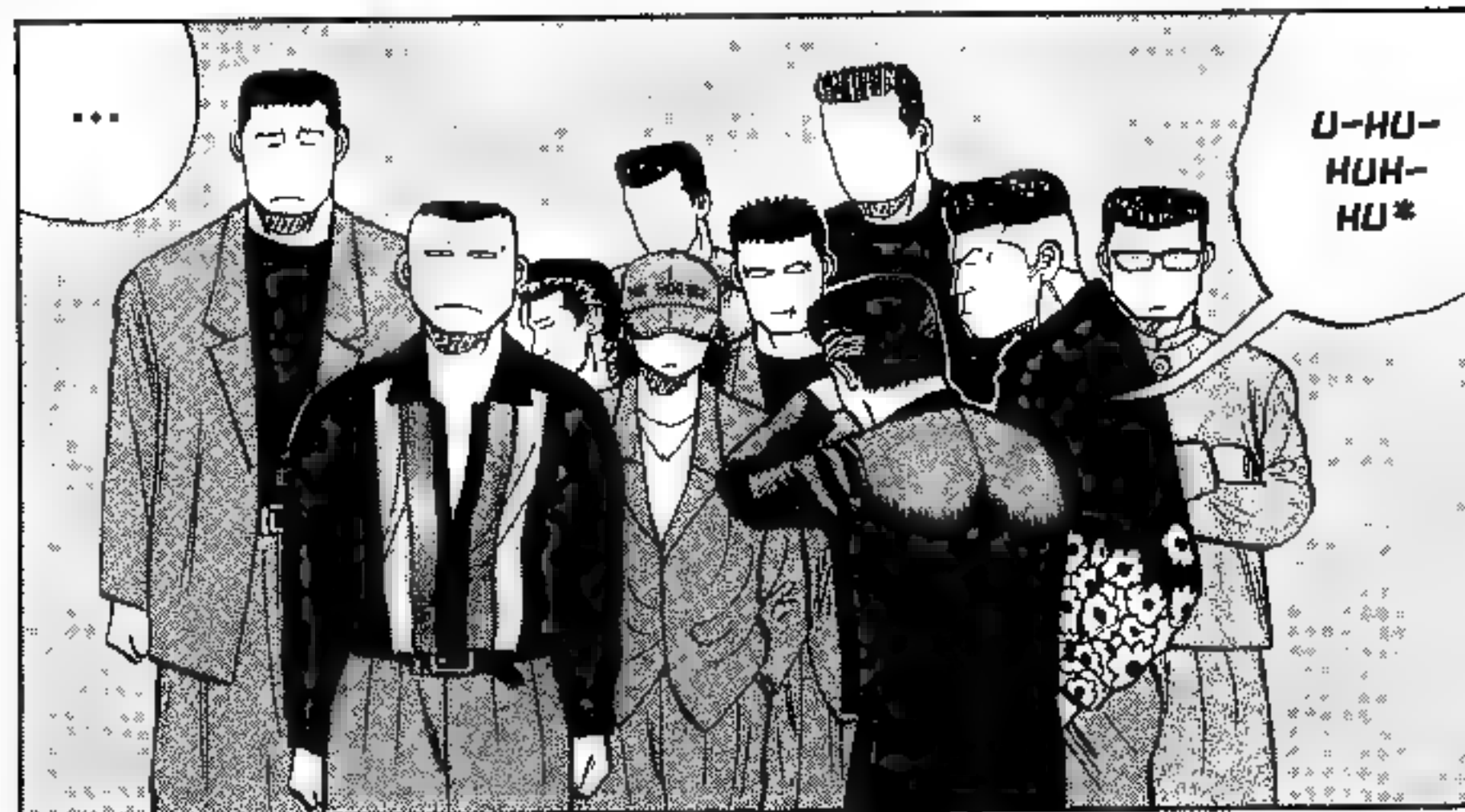
CONSIDERING
THAT HE GOT
HIT BY A
TRUCK, HE'S
GOT INJURIES
ALL OVER. SO
HE'S IN PRETTY
BAD CONDITION,
BUT HE'S
STABLE.

DON'T
WORRY.
HE'LL
LIVE.









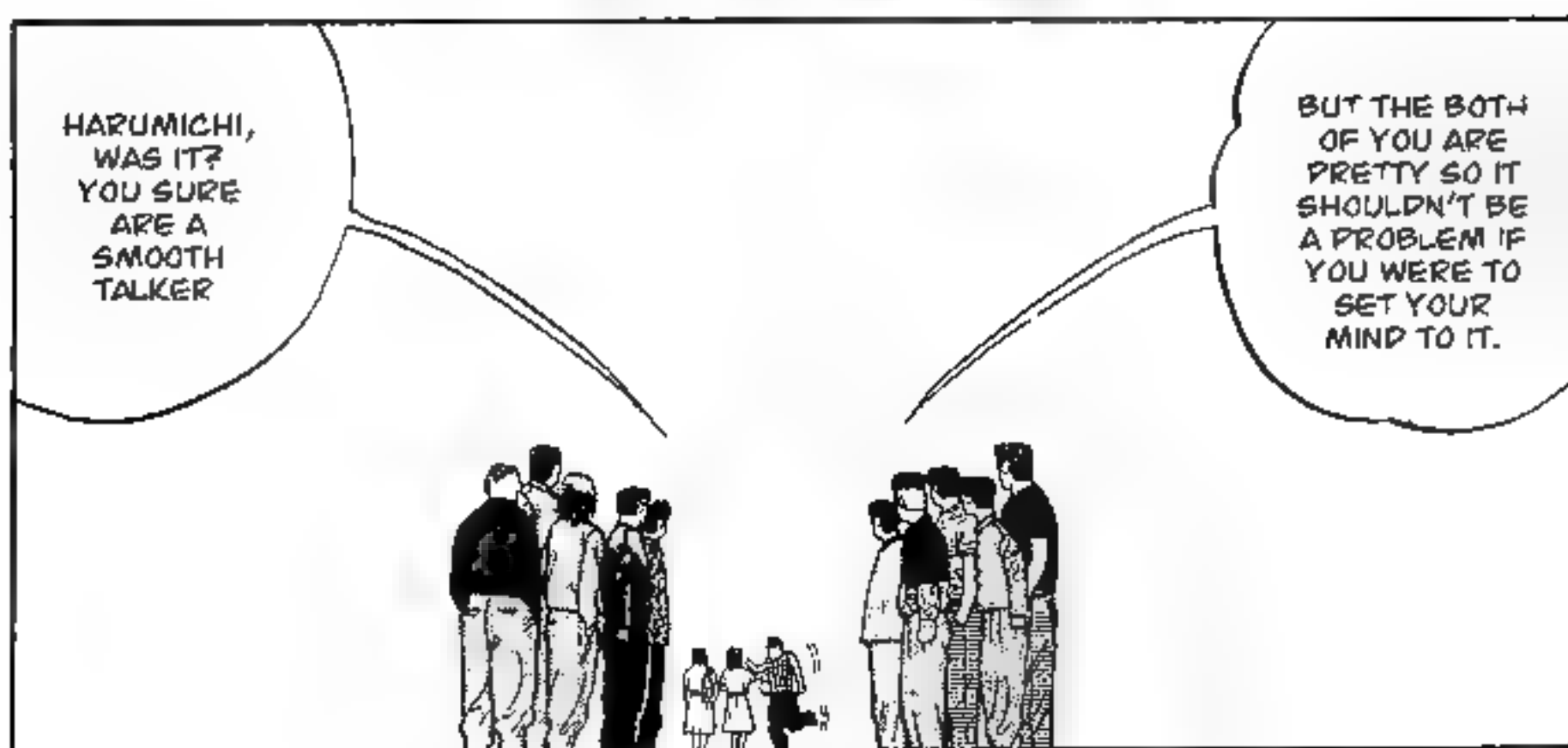
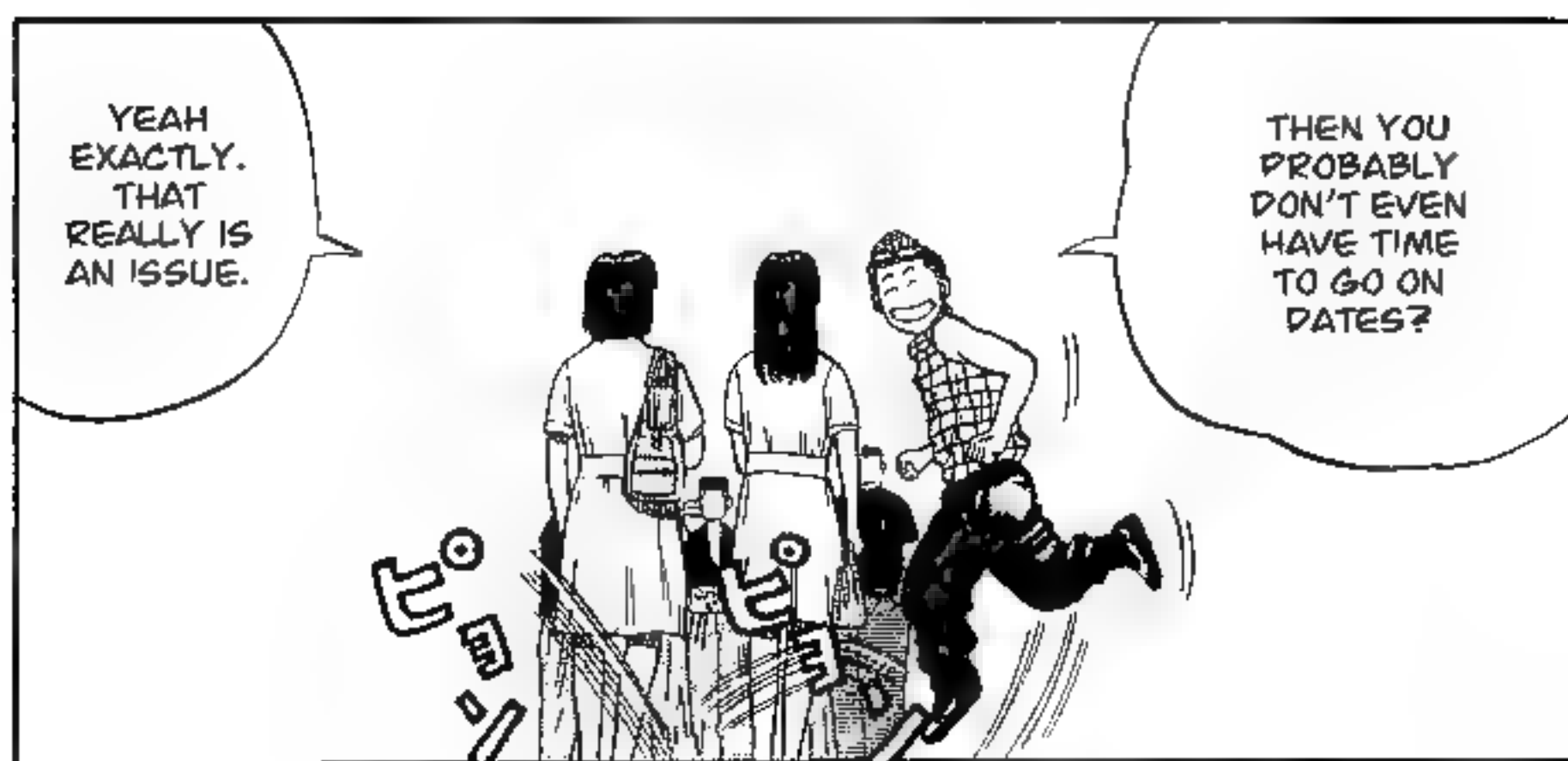
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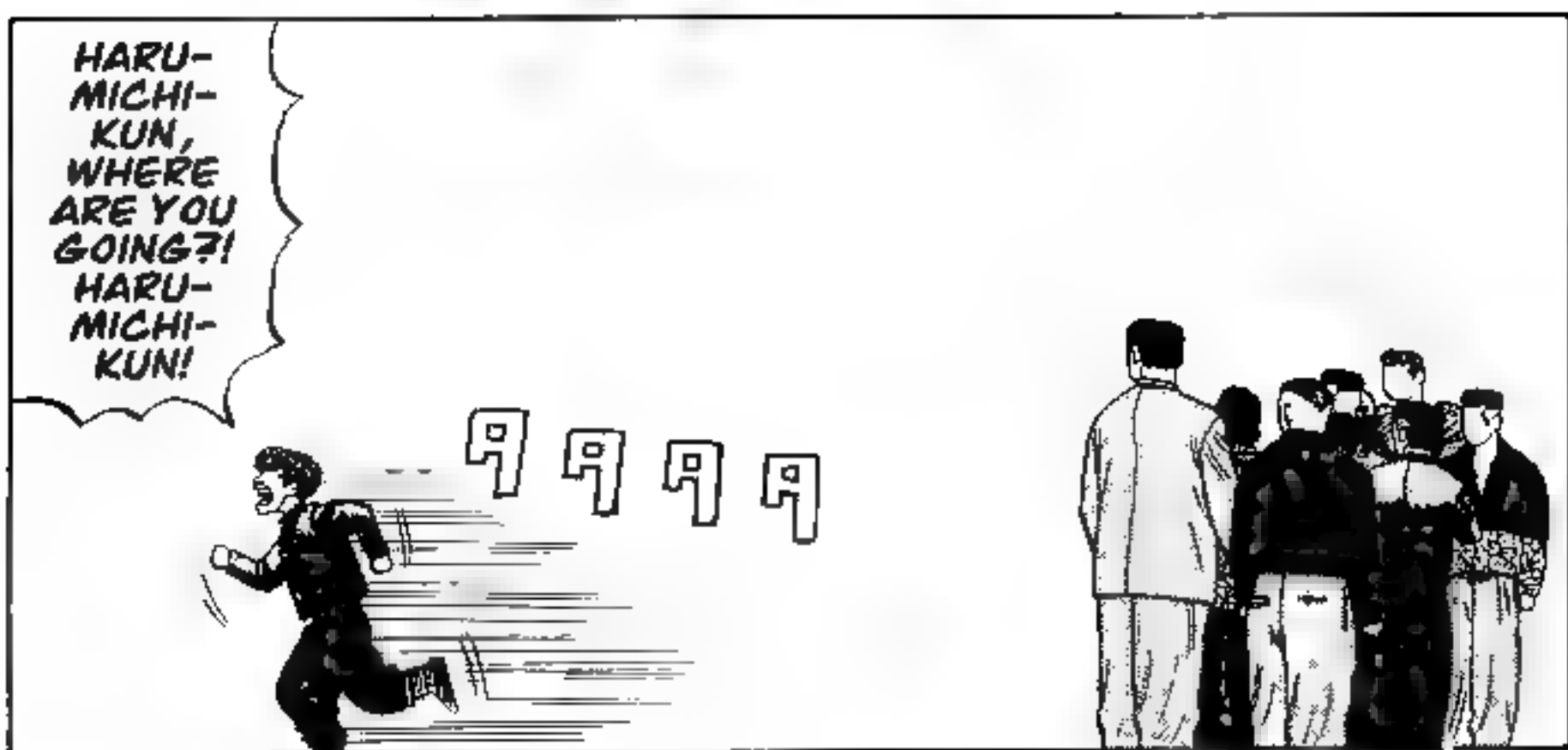
Oh,
I'll
walk
you
home
then!

Hm? So
are you on
your way
home now?
It must be
really hard
being a
nurse!

HM
...?

HM
...?

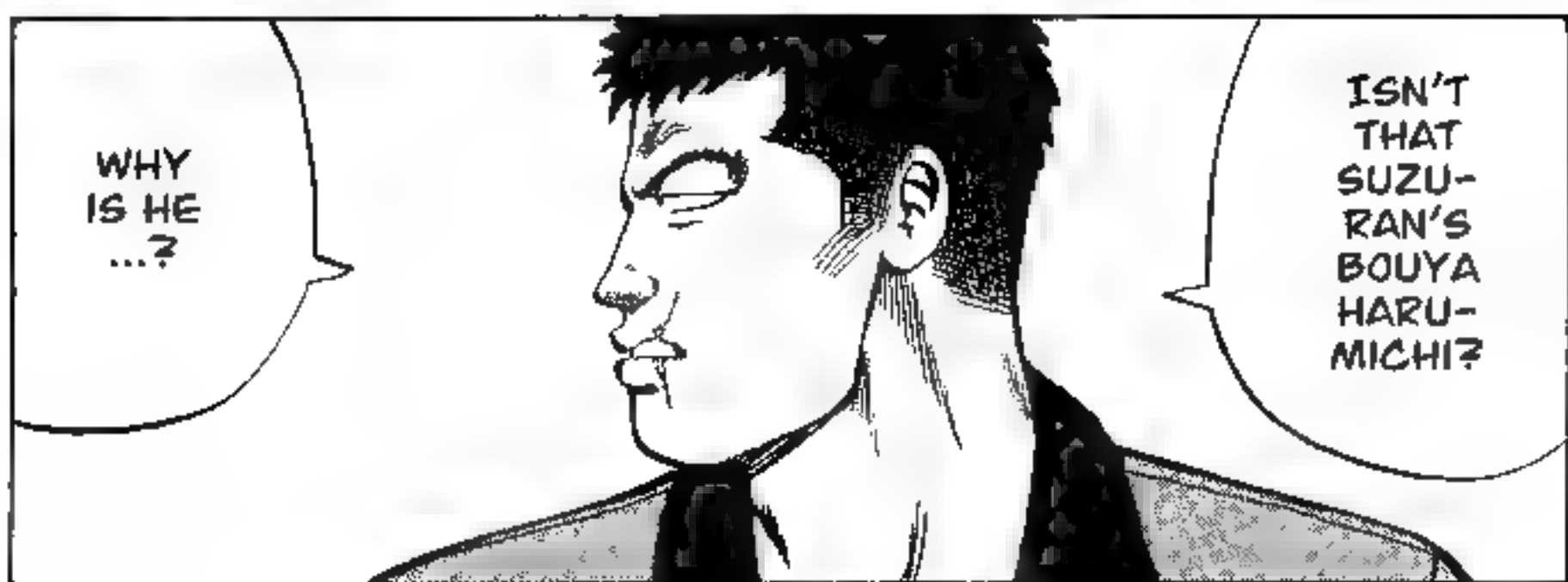








WH-WHAT
IS THAT
ASSHOLE
DOING
HERE?!



WHY
IS HE
...?

ISN'T
THAT
SUZU-
RAN'S
BOUYA
HARU-
MICH?



WHO
TOLD
THAT
ASS-
HOLE?

THAT
JACKASS,
CHASING
NURSES AT
A CRUCIAL
TIME LIKE
THIS!

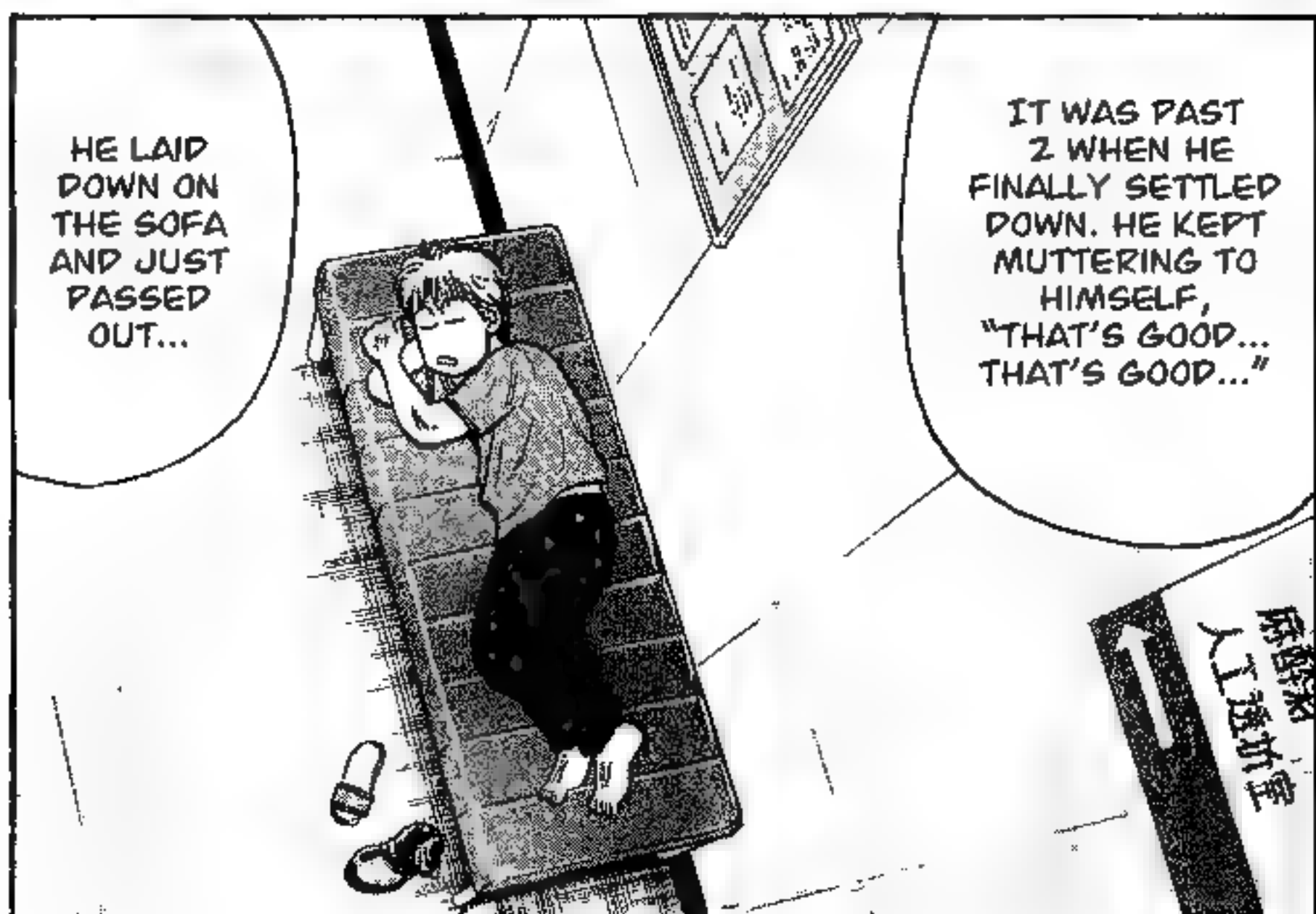


WHAT?

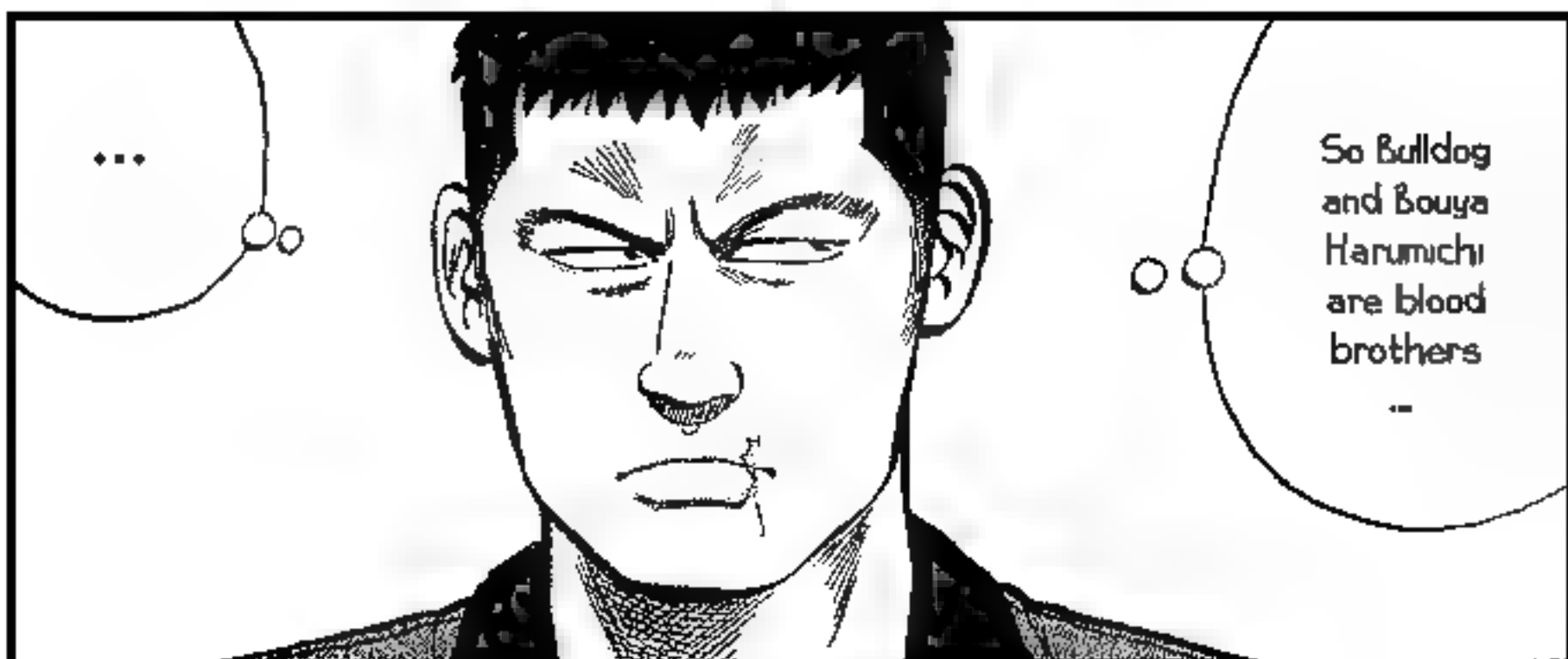
YES, BUT
HE WAS
THE FIRST
ONE TO
COME
RUNNING
LAST
NIGHT IN
THAT
POURING
RAIN.

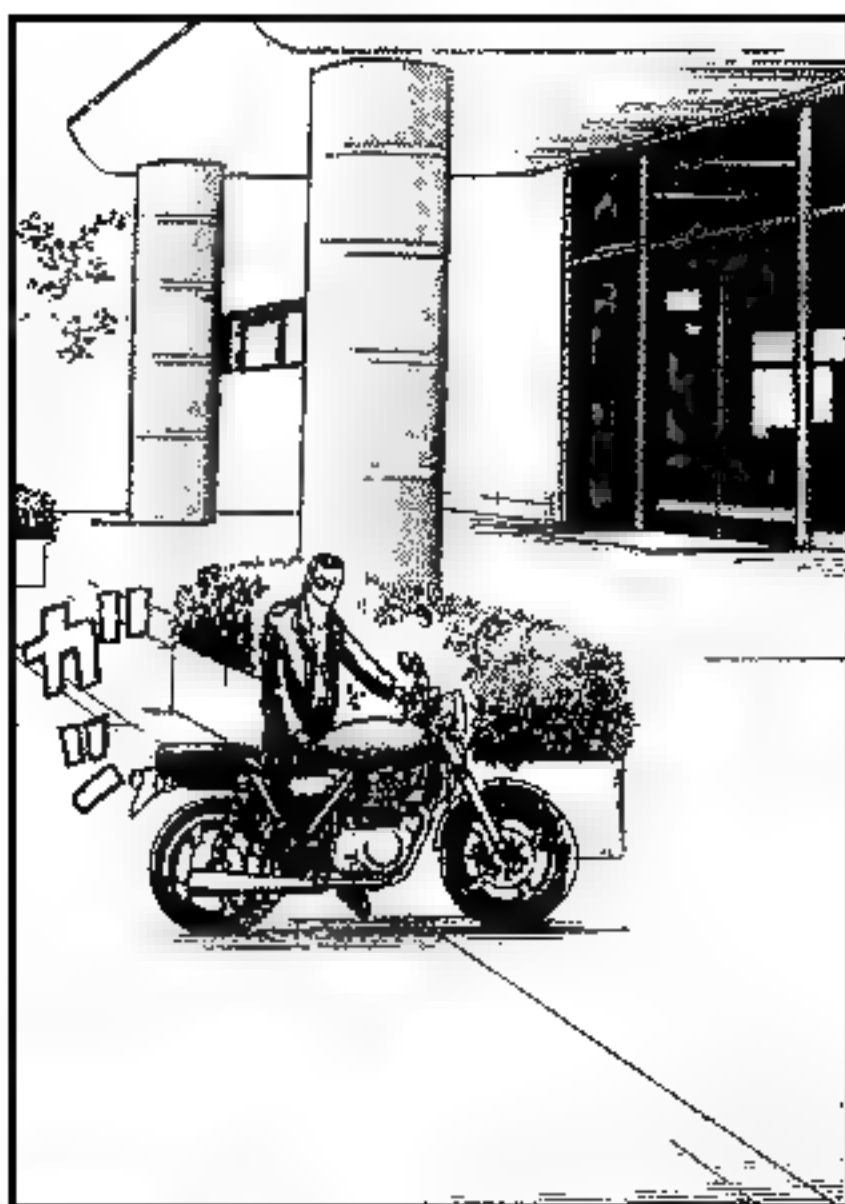
AND HE
DIDN'T
HAVE AN
UMBRELLA,
SO HE WAS
SOAKING
WET...

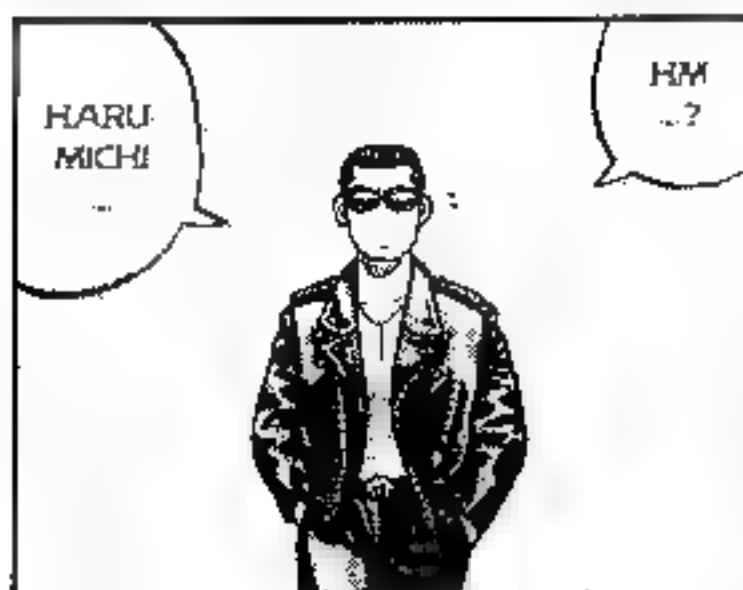
AND HE WAS
SO OUT OF
HIS WITS,
HIS SHOES
WERE MIS-
MATCHED...

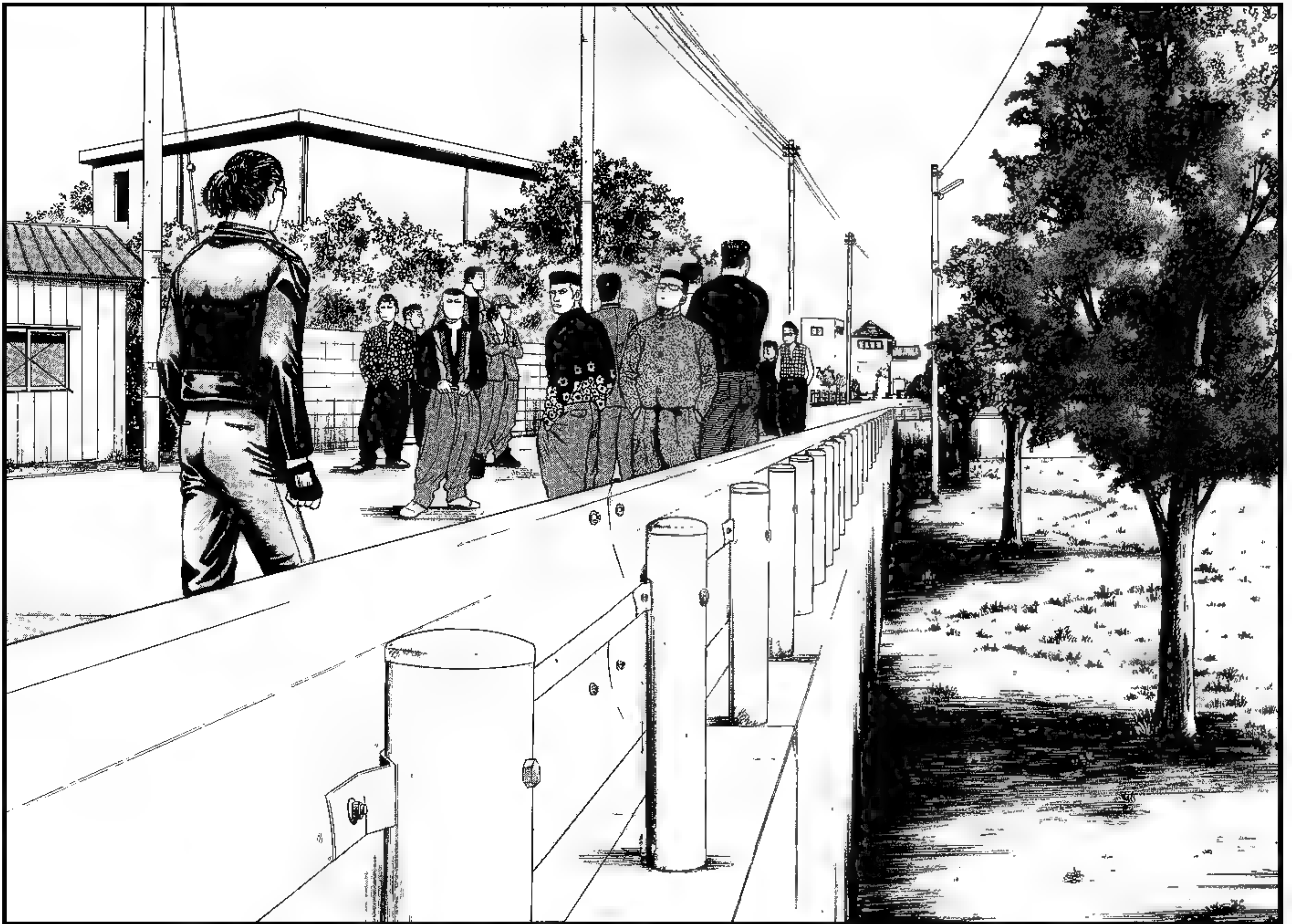


















I-IT'S
TERU
AND
KIIKO!



IN ANY
CASE,
THOSE
TWO SEEM
TO BE
LOOKING
FOR YOU.
YOU KNOW
THAT,
RIGHT?

THAT
DOESNT
MATTER.

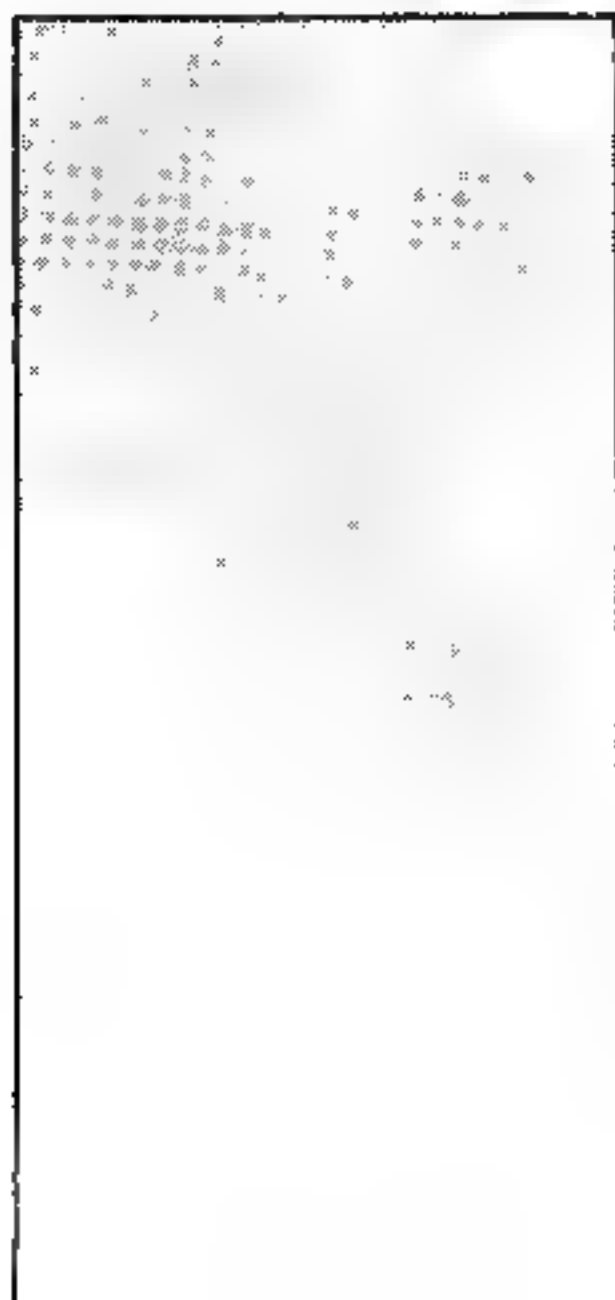


WHAT
HAP-
PENED
?!

HOW
DID
THEY
...



SO
THEY'VE
COME.







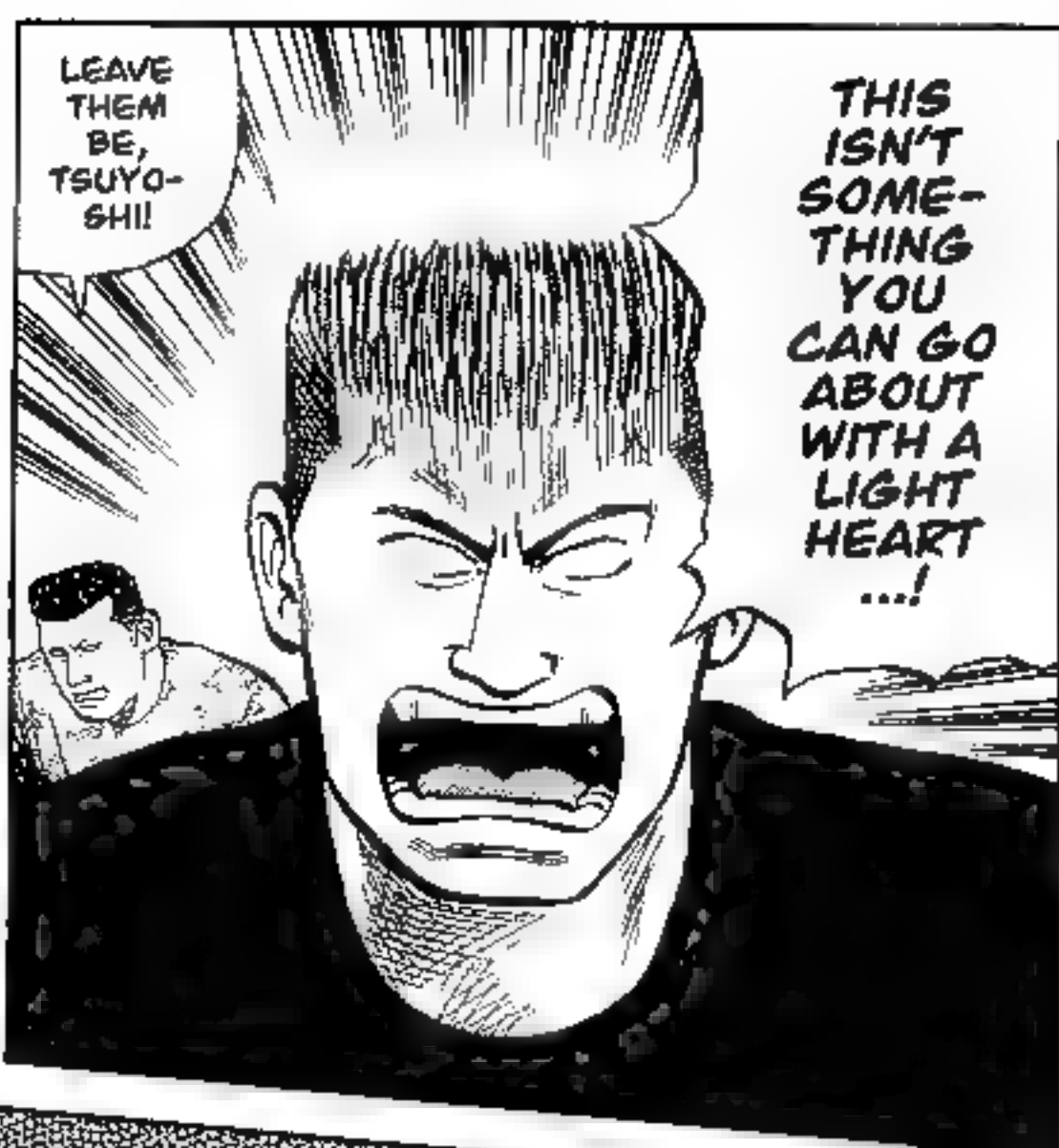






**BUT
ANIKI
...!**

**IT'S
NO
USE.**



**LEAVE
THEM
BE,
TSUYO-
SHI!**

**THIS
ISN'T
SOME-
THING
YOU
CAN GO
ABOUT
WITH A
LIGHT
HEART
...!**



**WE HAVE
NO HEAD,
AND WITH
ITS HANDS
AND FEET
ALL GOING
HAYWIRE IT
JUST WON'T
DO!**

**RIGHT
NOW, THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE
IS NO
MATCH!**



STAYING
HERE IS A
WASTE OF
TIME.



LATER
...

ARE YOU
LEAVING,
ISHI-
KAWA?

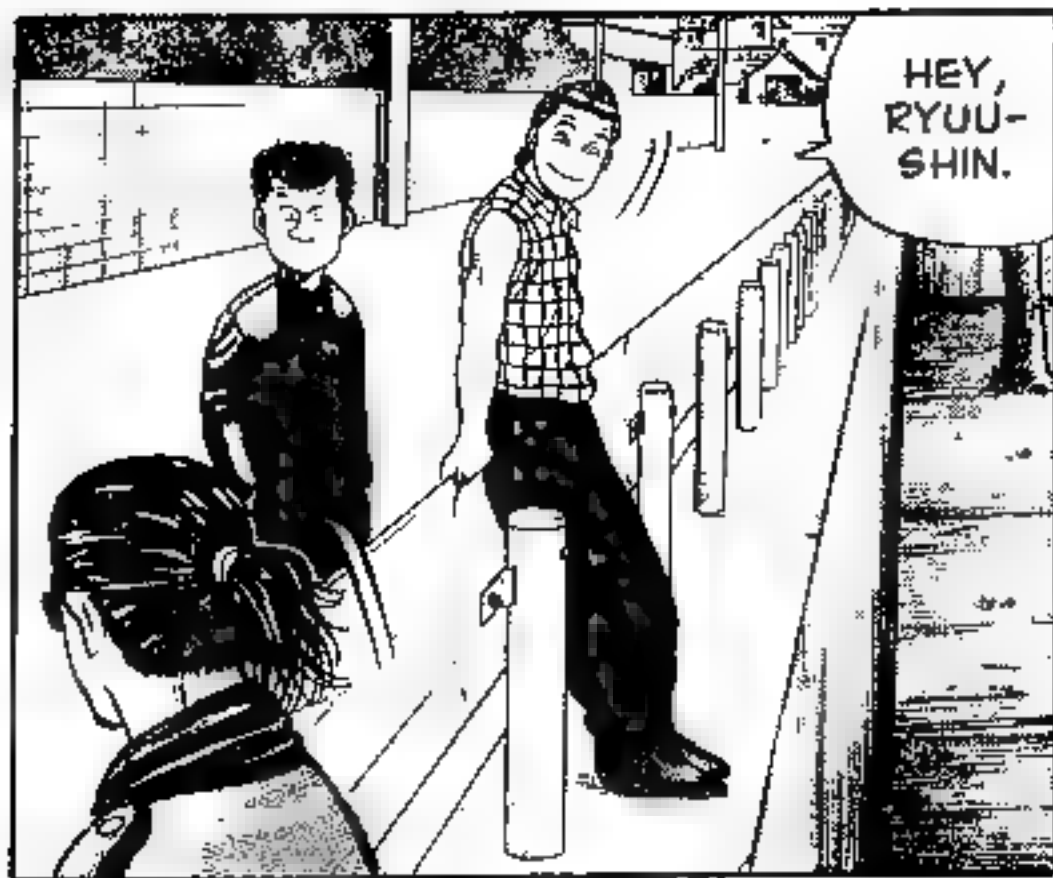


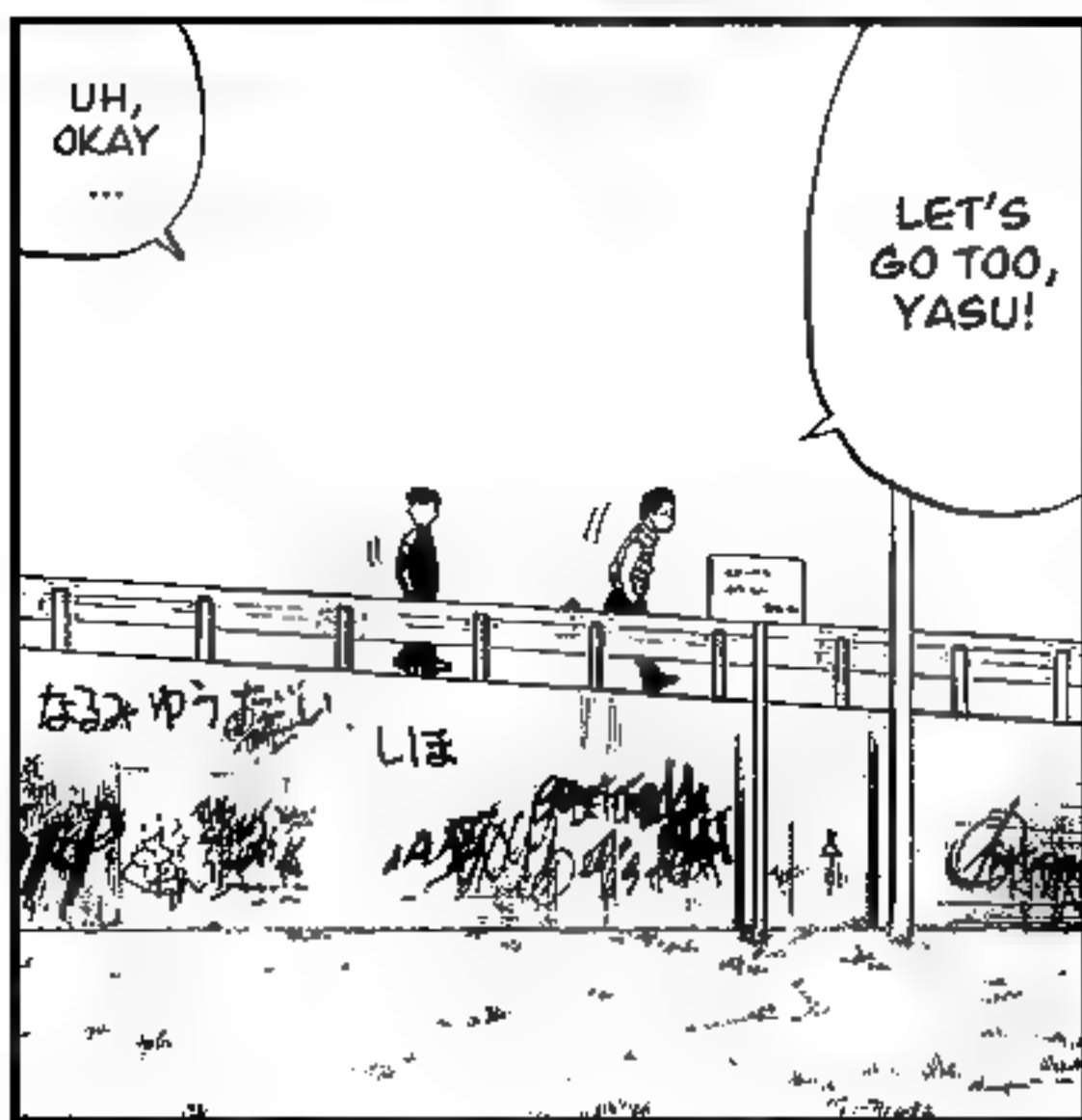
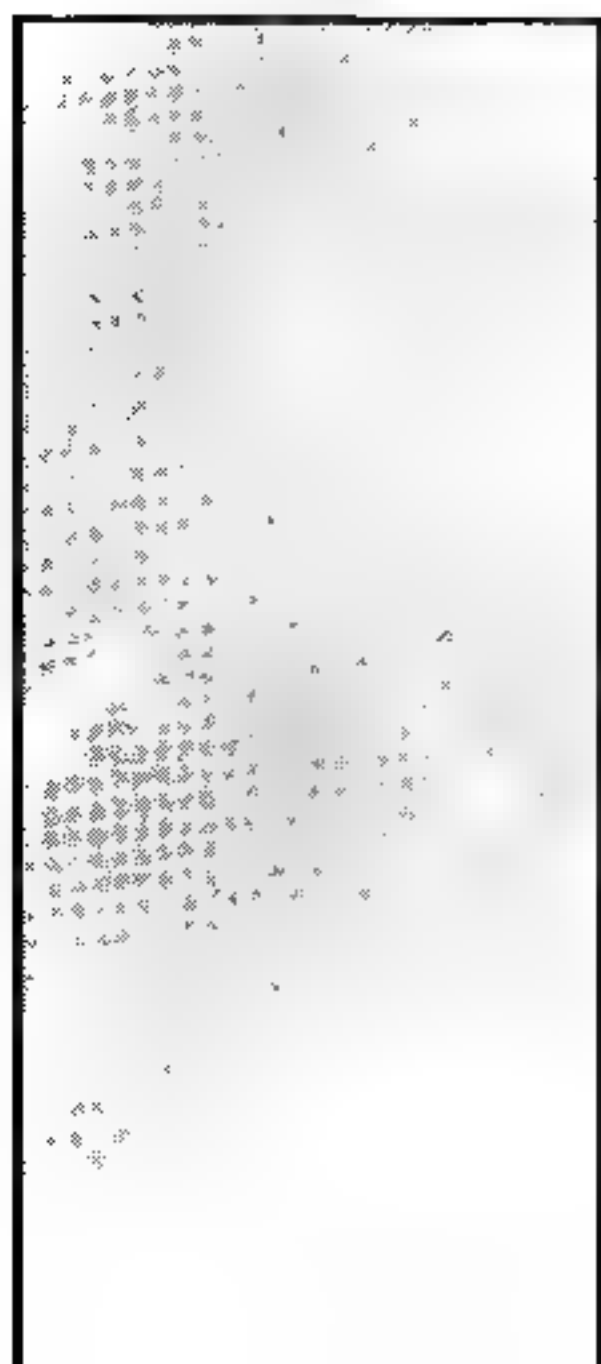
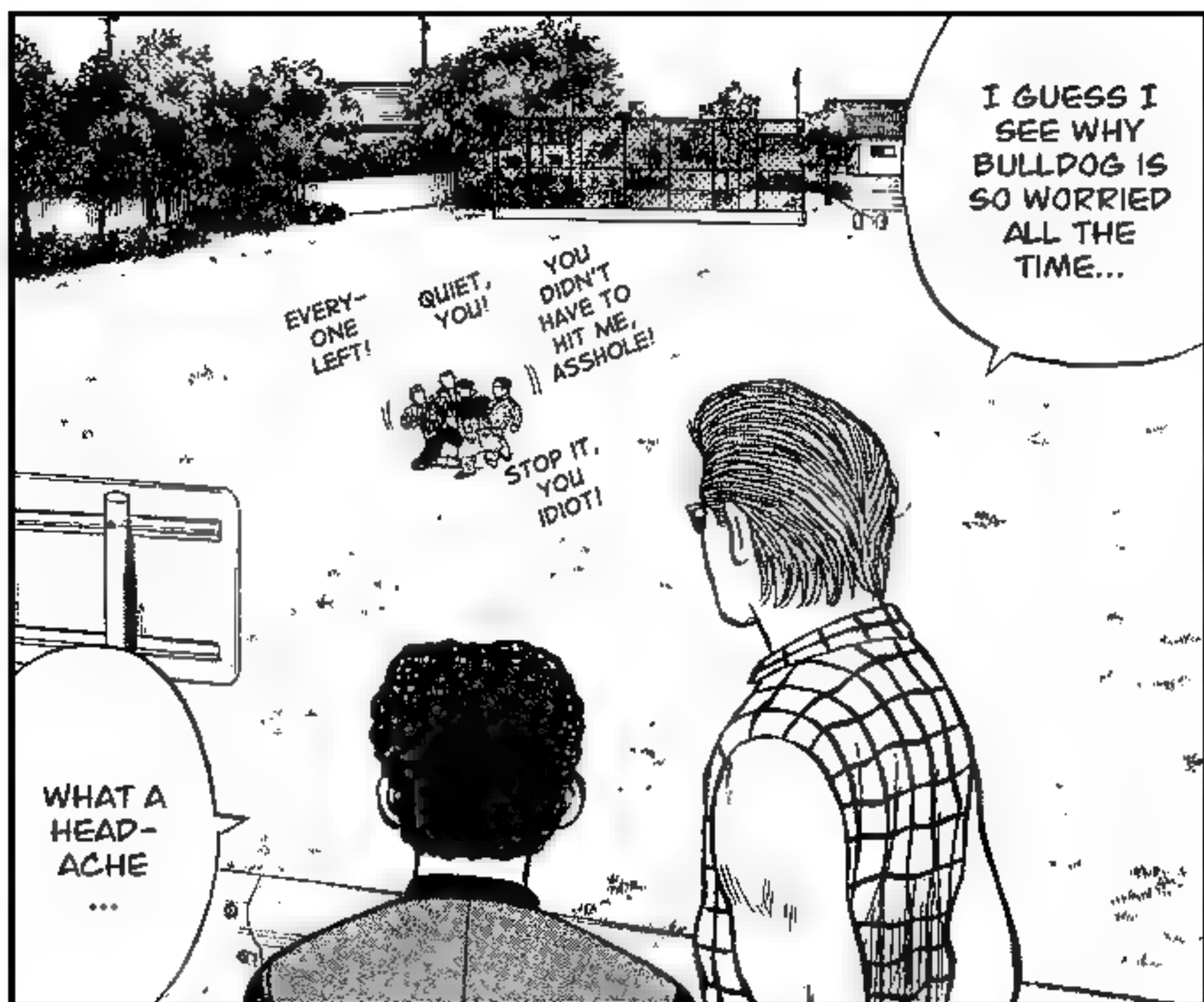
B-BUT
WILL
EVERY-
ONE BE
OK...?

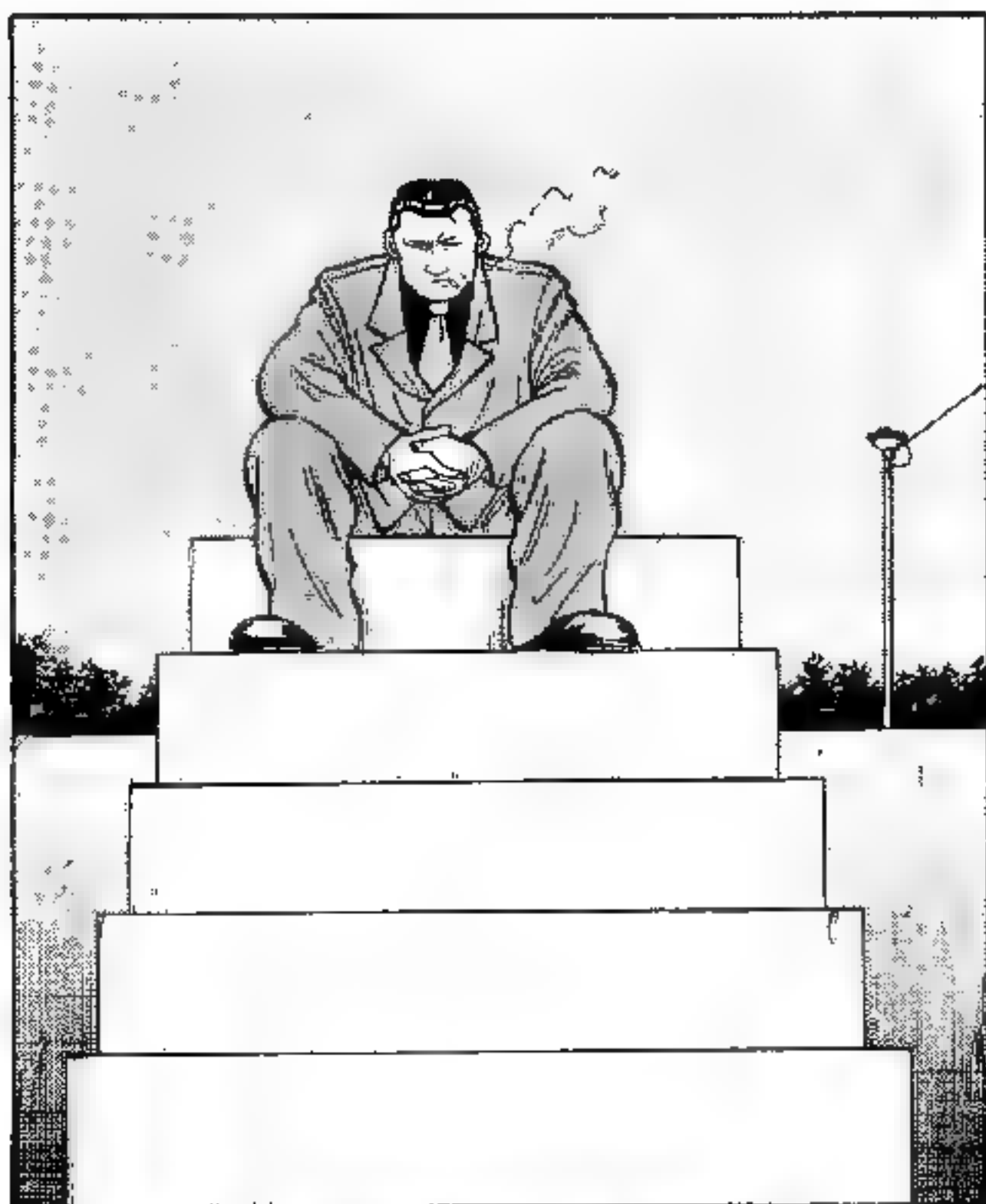
WE
SHOULD
GO TOO,
CHIAKI.



LEAVE
THEM
ALONE.







DID YOU
FIND OUT
ANY-
THING?



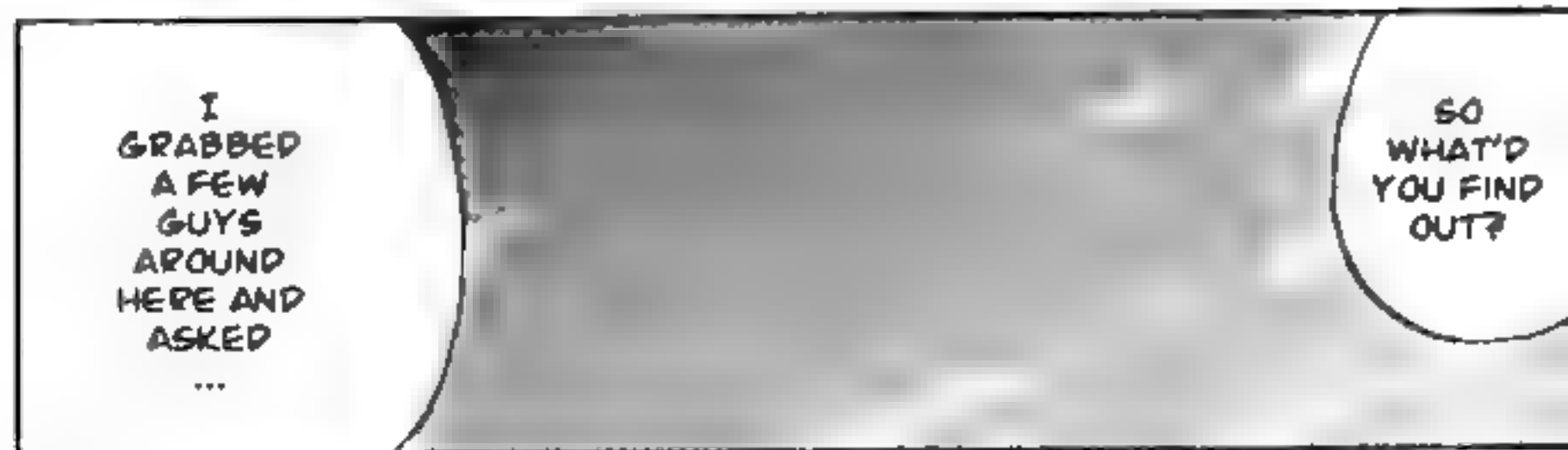
YOU'RE
THE ONE
THAT LOST
AT ROCK-
PAPER-
SCISSORS!

THAT
MAY
BE...



MAKING
ME DO ALL
THE HARD
WORK!

TCH,
SITTING
THERE
SMOKING
LIKE YOU
HAVE ALL
THE TIME
IN THE
WORLD



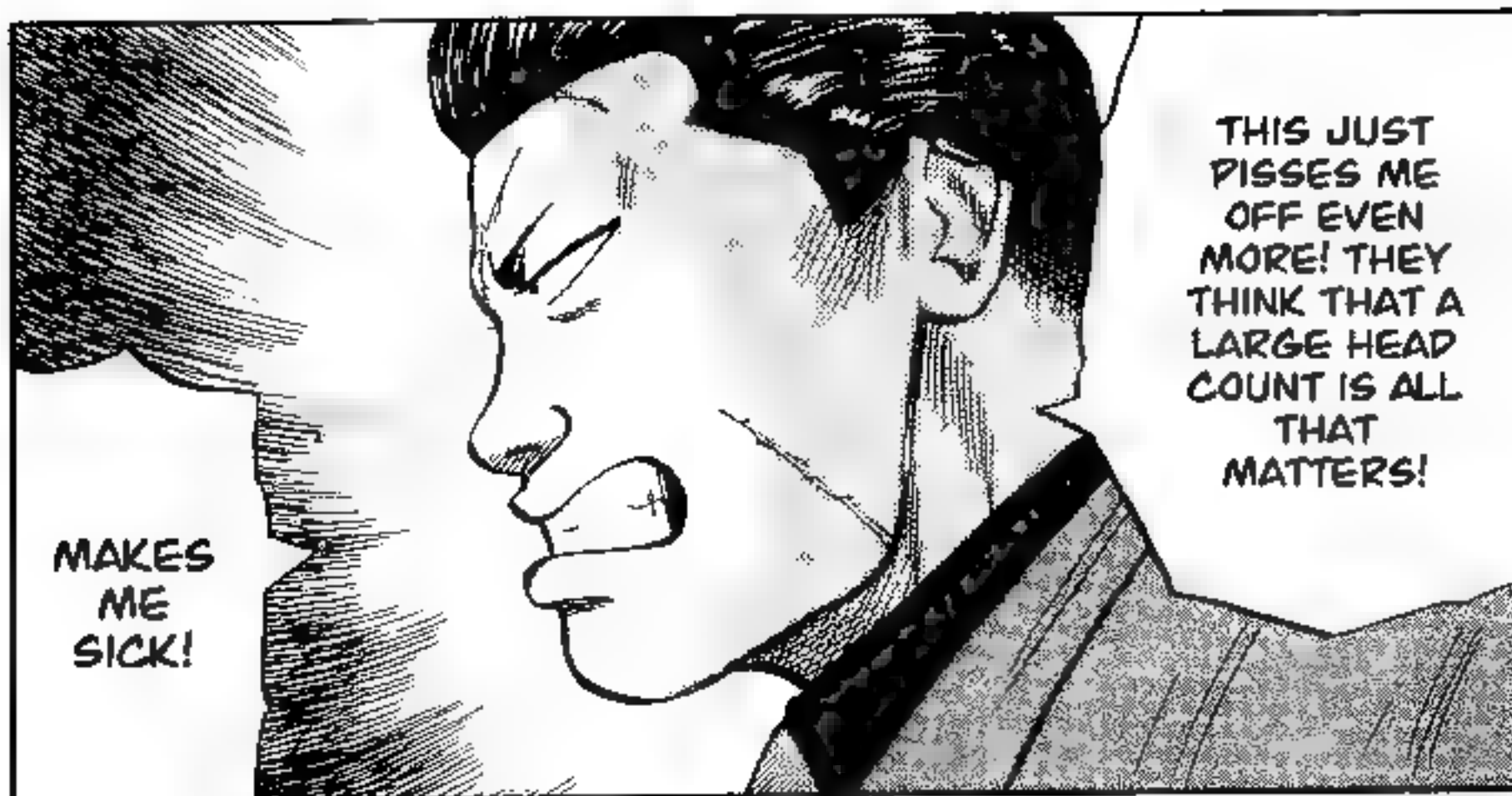
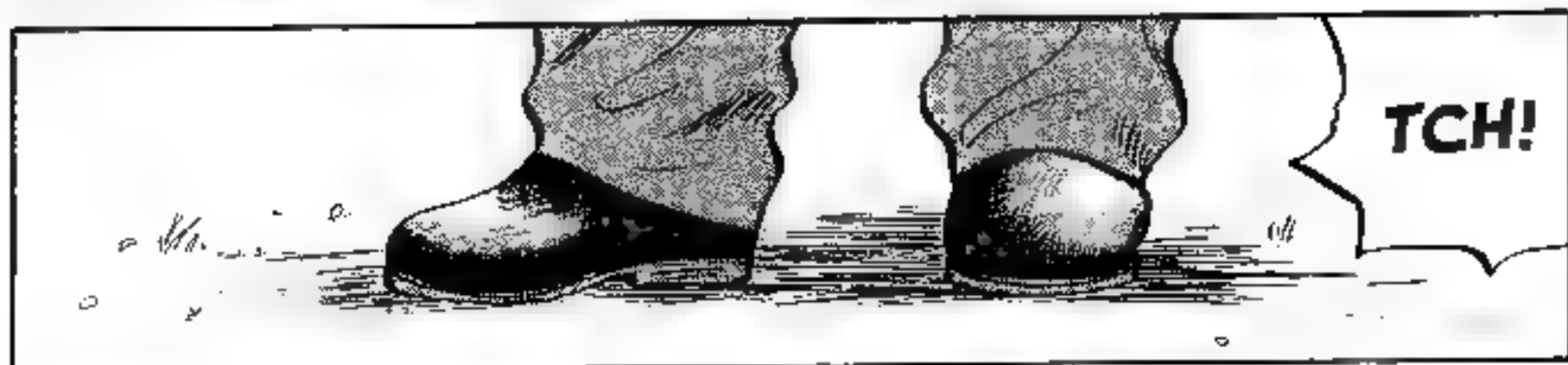
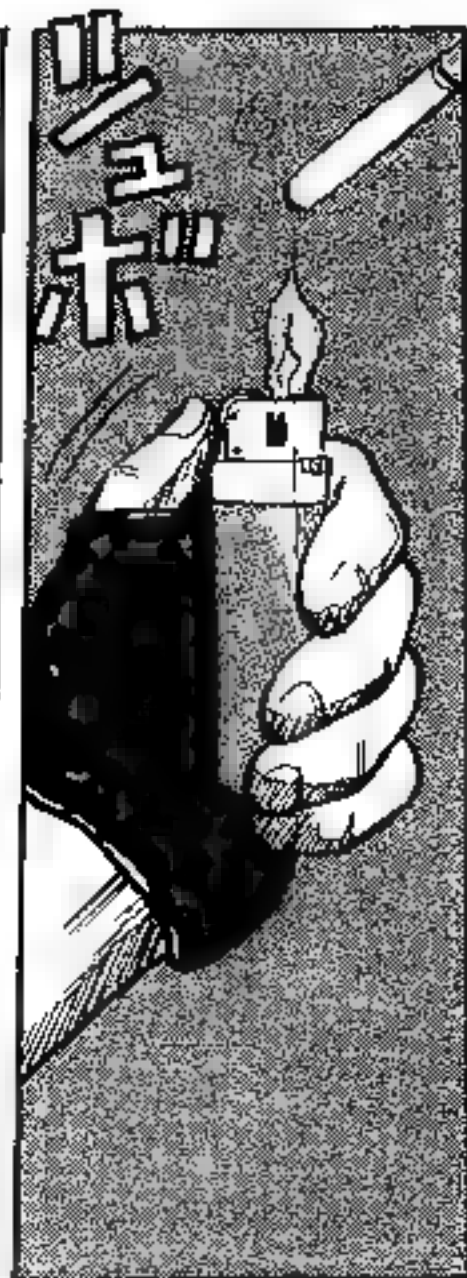
I
GRABBED
A FEW
GUYS
AROUND
HERE AND
ASKED
...

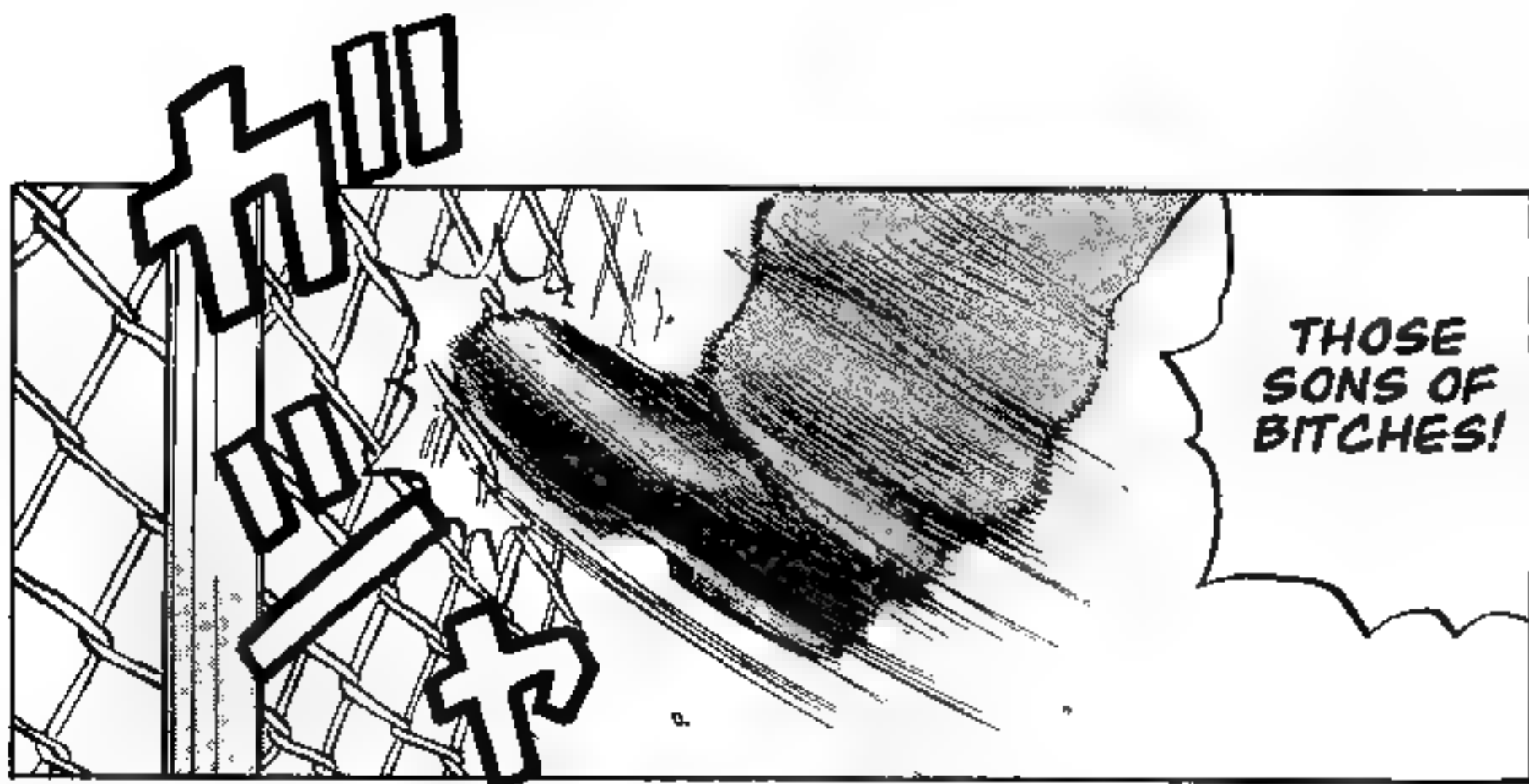
SO
WHAT'D
YOU FIND
OUT?



THE
KUROTAKE
ALLI-
ANCE?

IT SEEMS
THAT THEY'VE
JOINED A NEW
GROUP
CALLED THE
KUROTAKE
ALLIANCE.





**THOSE
SONS OF
BITCHES!**



**WHEN-
EVER I
SEE
ROTTEN
ASS-
HOLES
LIKE
THAT I
JUST
WANT TO
BURY
THEM.**

**LOSERS WHO
DON'T SAY A
WORD WHEN
THEY'RE BY
THEMSELVES,
BUT THROW
THEIR WEIGHT
AROUND AS
SOON AS THEY
JOIN A
GROUP... AND
THEY THINK
IT'S THEIR OWN
STRENGTH,
TOO.**



**LOOKS LIKE
THEY'RE
TRYING TO
USE THIS
ALLIANCE
TO GET
REVENGE
ON US.**

**IT'S
TO BE
EXPECTED
FROM
GUYS LIKE
THEM.**



ALRIGHT.
THEY'RE
A PACK OF
DOGS THAT
PROTECTS
TWO DOGS
WITH THEIR
TAILS TUCKED
BETWEEN
THEIR LEGS.

AND
WE'RE
THE TWO
WOLVES
THAT ARE
GOING TO
CATCH
THOSE
DOGS.



SURE, IF I
WERE AN
ANIMAL I'D
PROBABLY BE
A HUNGRY
WOLF... BUT
WOULDN'T
YOU BE AN
ANGRY
WARTHOG?

KIICO I
KNOW
HOW YOU
FEEL.



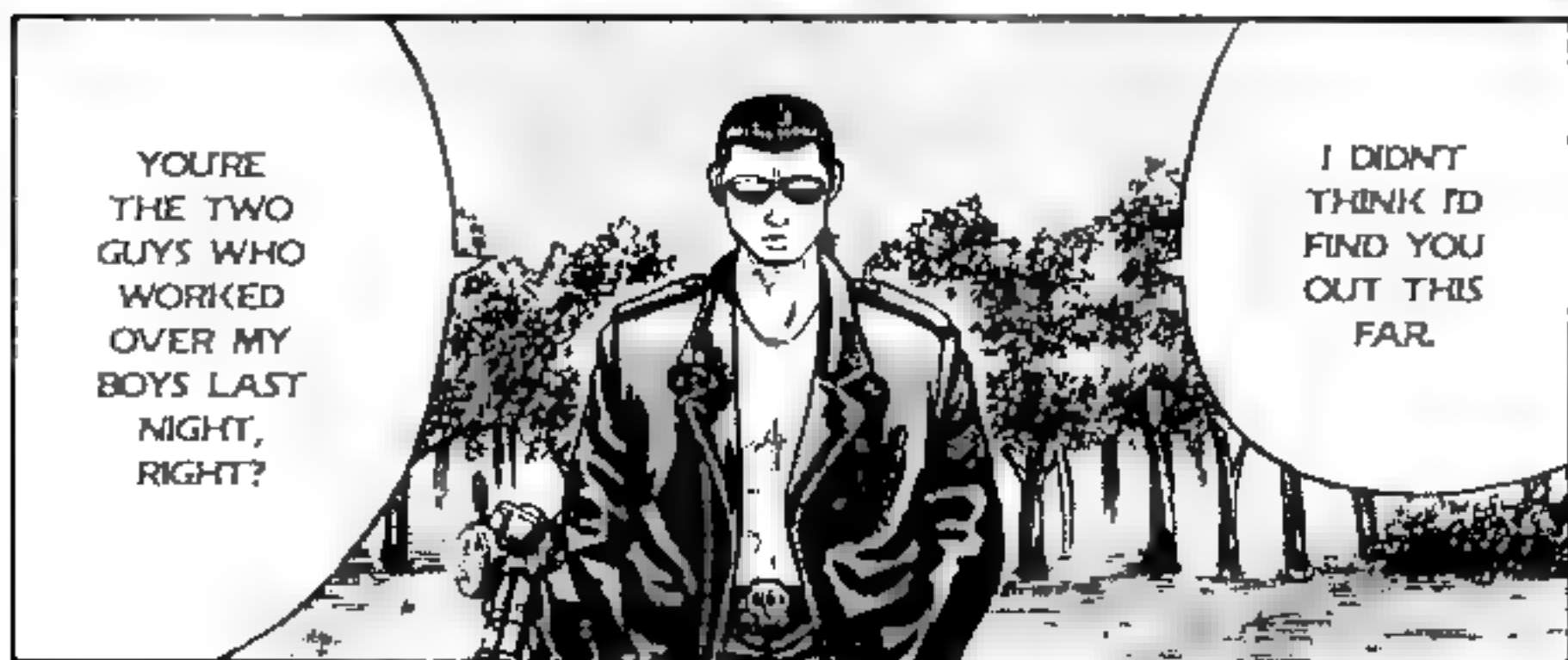
...







WHO'RE
YOU?



YOU'RE
THE TWO
GUYS WHO
WORKED
OVER MY
BOYS LAST
NIGHT,
RIGHT?

I DIDN'T
THINK I'D
FIND YOU
OUT THIS
FAR.



YEAH,
THAT
WAS ME.
THEY
FRIENDS
OF
YOURS?

OH YOU
MEAN
THE TWO
DUDES
WITH
MASKS?



YES-
TER-
DAY?



IS
THAT
SO...?

AH SO YOU
WERE GOING
AROUND
LOOKING FOR
US?

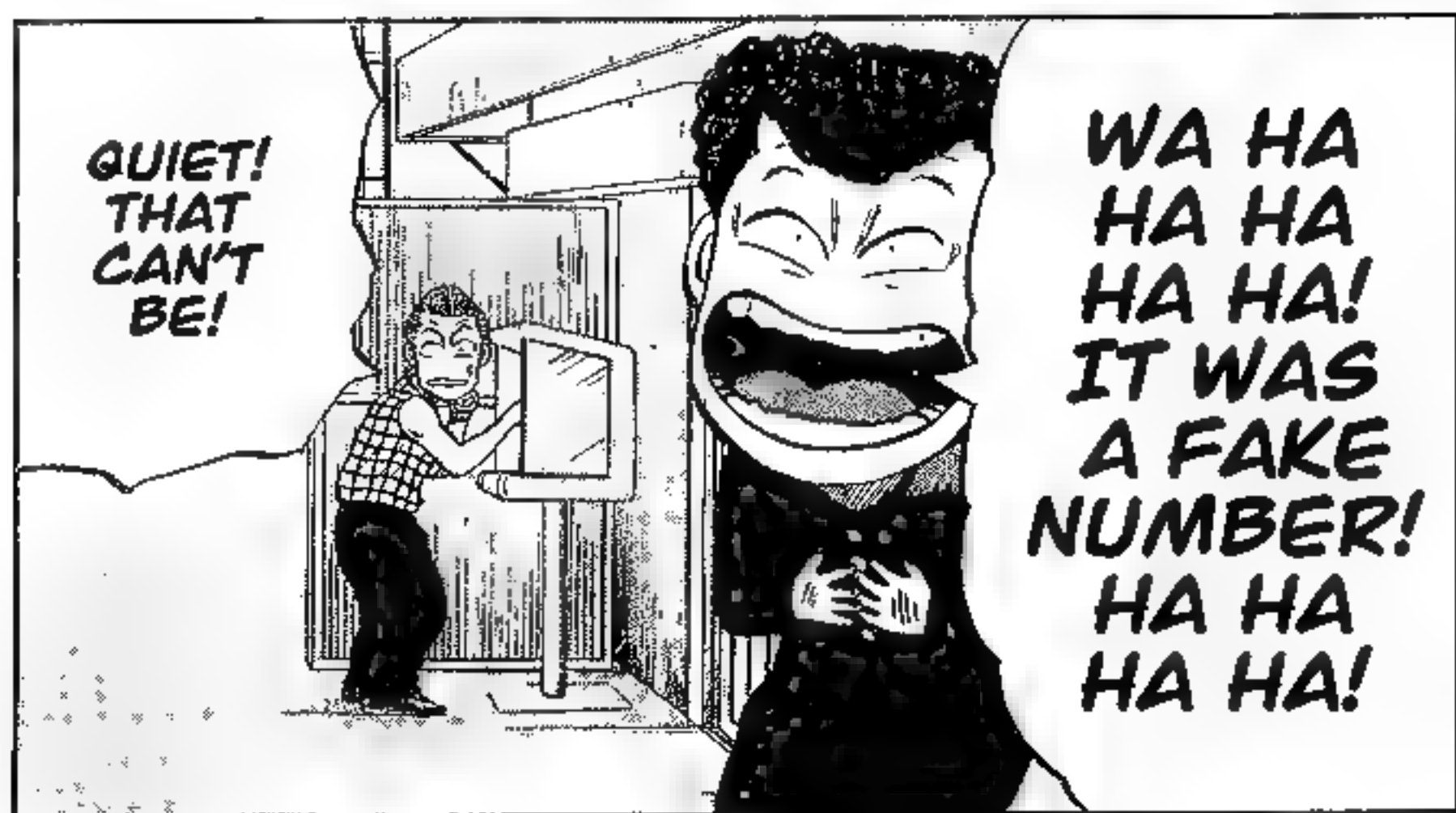
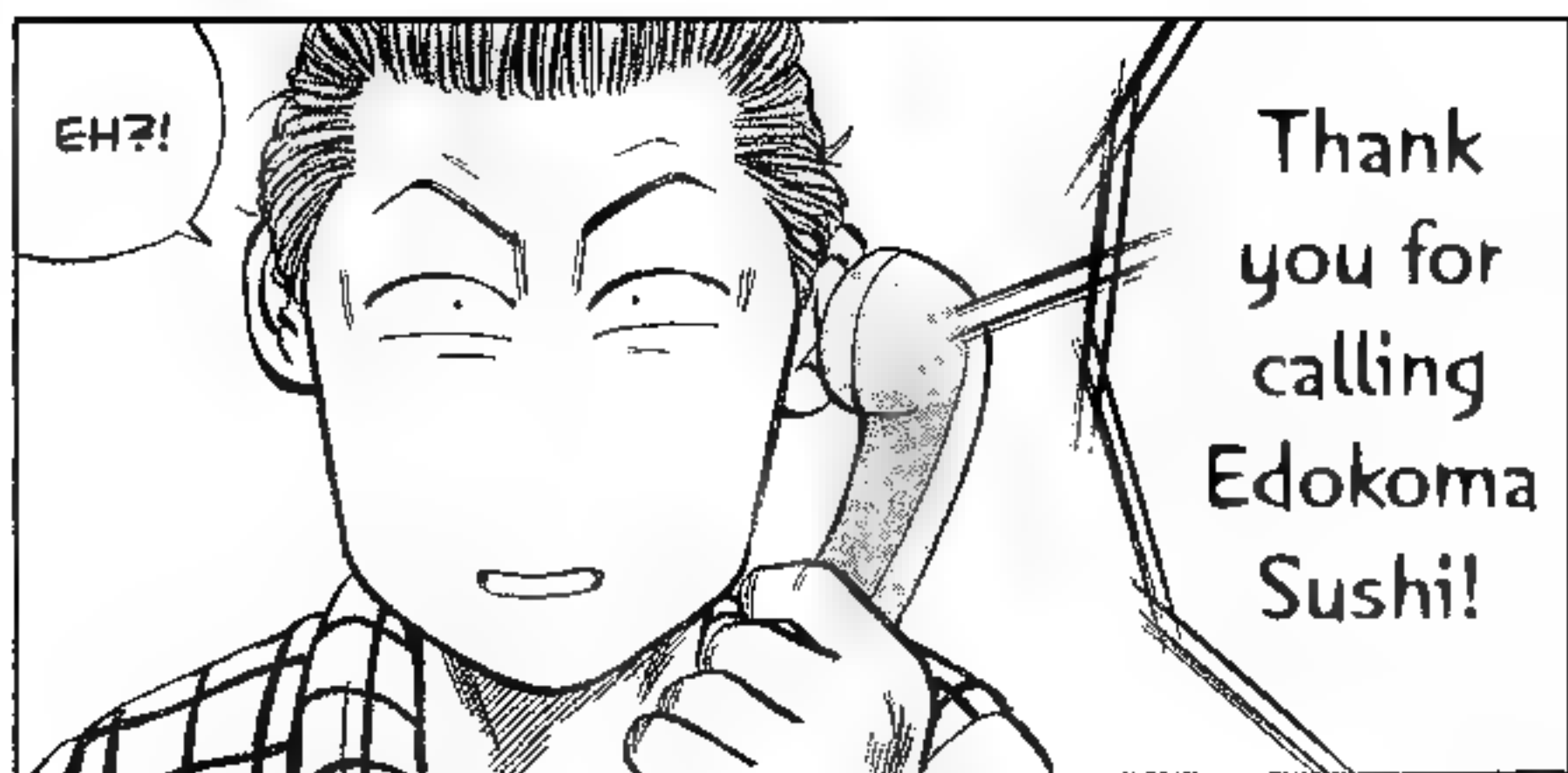


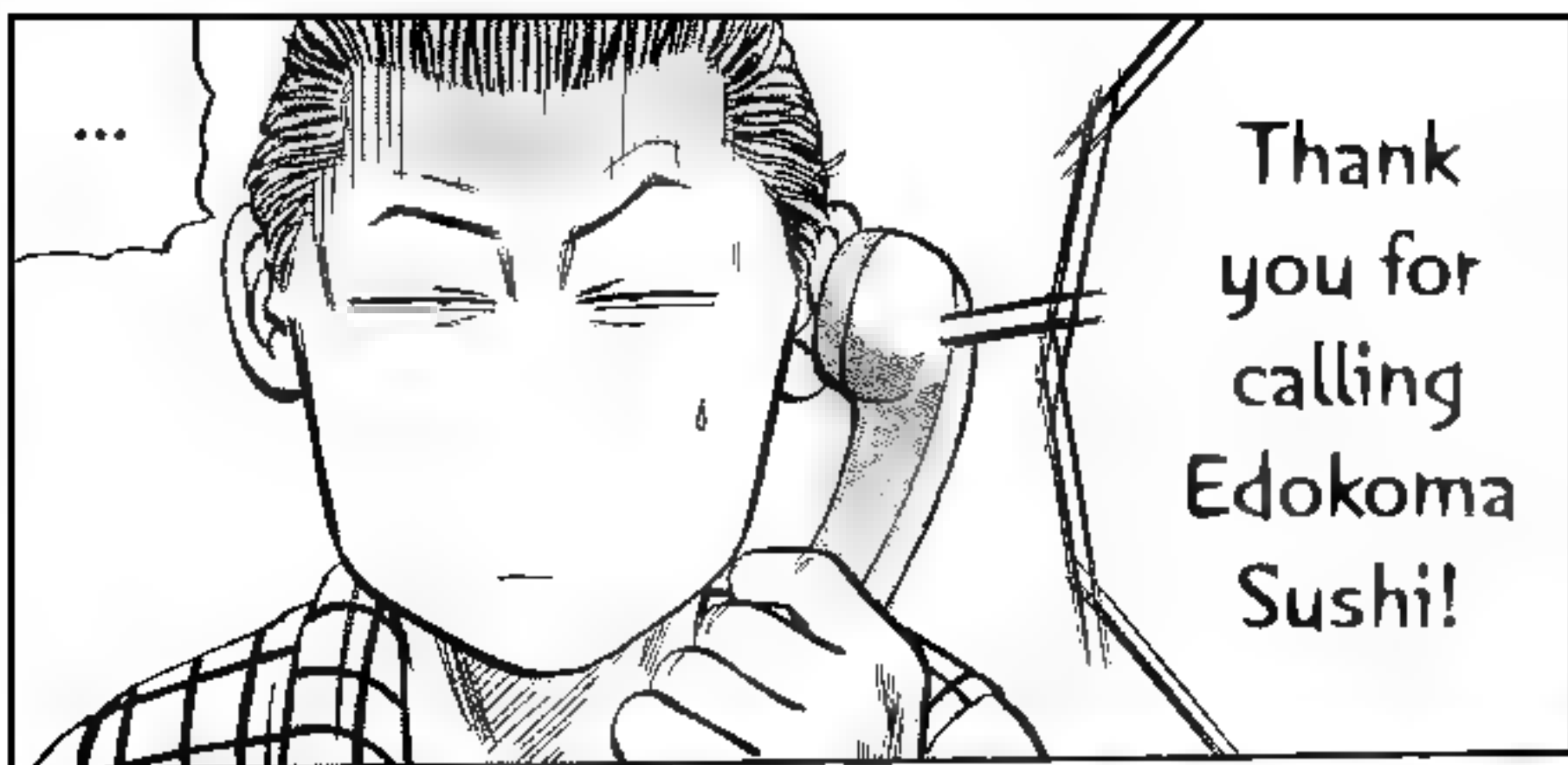
THAT'S
WHAT I
SAID.











No doubt all the girls with dyed red hair and all the boys with their spikey hair who were there to see the BEATS live will return to their daily lives, to school or work, to their worry-filled lives, after such an awesome weekend.

But all of that is ok if you go see the BEATS! Well, not quite, but at least you'd feel a little better, and maybe even feel like working hard the next day! I'm just another of the many BEATS fans who gather to see them, thinking just that.

I left the Goku district of Tokyo, the area I had become used to, and moved to Matsumoto City in the Nagano Prefecture where I had begun working...

And then, around the middle of March, 1993, I got a call from my manager, Iseki-chan as usual. He asked me,

"Takahashi-kun, do you know about BEAT BOX?"

2. An unforeseen happening!

「BEAT BOX!! Y-yeah, I know of it!
Of course I do! Why? What's up?!"

We talked, and it seemed that a letter had come from the staff at BEAT BOX (the BEATS' fanclub)!

"Thank you very much for supporting the BEATS in Crows. We would like for you to attend the next live show. Of course, we'd also like you to participate in the post-concert party."





I-I-I-IIIIII I'm panicking!!

It was like I had won the 100 million yen lottery...
No, no, no, not like that! It wasn't until after I
hung up the phone that I got so excited.

C-C-CALM DOWN C-CALM DOWN!

F-first I have to tell someone...

OH YEAH! SHIGERU!

"H-he-hello, Sh-Shigeru?!" "Yeah. Aniki? I was sleep-
ing! What do you want?!" "D-Dumbass! Yer sleepin'
NOW?! Listen! Calm down and listen close! Listen
REAL close!" "What is it?! God, just hurry up and
say it!" "Th-the truth is..." "Wh-what?!"

It was like every cell in his body woke up. The panic
spread from Shigeru to Manabu, then to Horie!

3. The place is the Shinjuku Loft!

And then the day finally arrived!
March 26-27th, 1993 Shinjuku Loft!

**THE STREET BEATS
LIVE ON THE WILD SIDE '93
2 Days at the Shinjuku Loft!**



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ARE THE ATTEMPT ARE LAST REMAIN...

JUST STARTING OUR WIKICROWDWORKS
THE ONE THAT STARTED IT ALL:
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He
dodged
my
punch

...

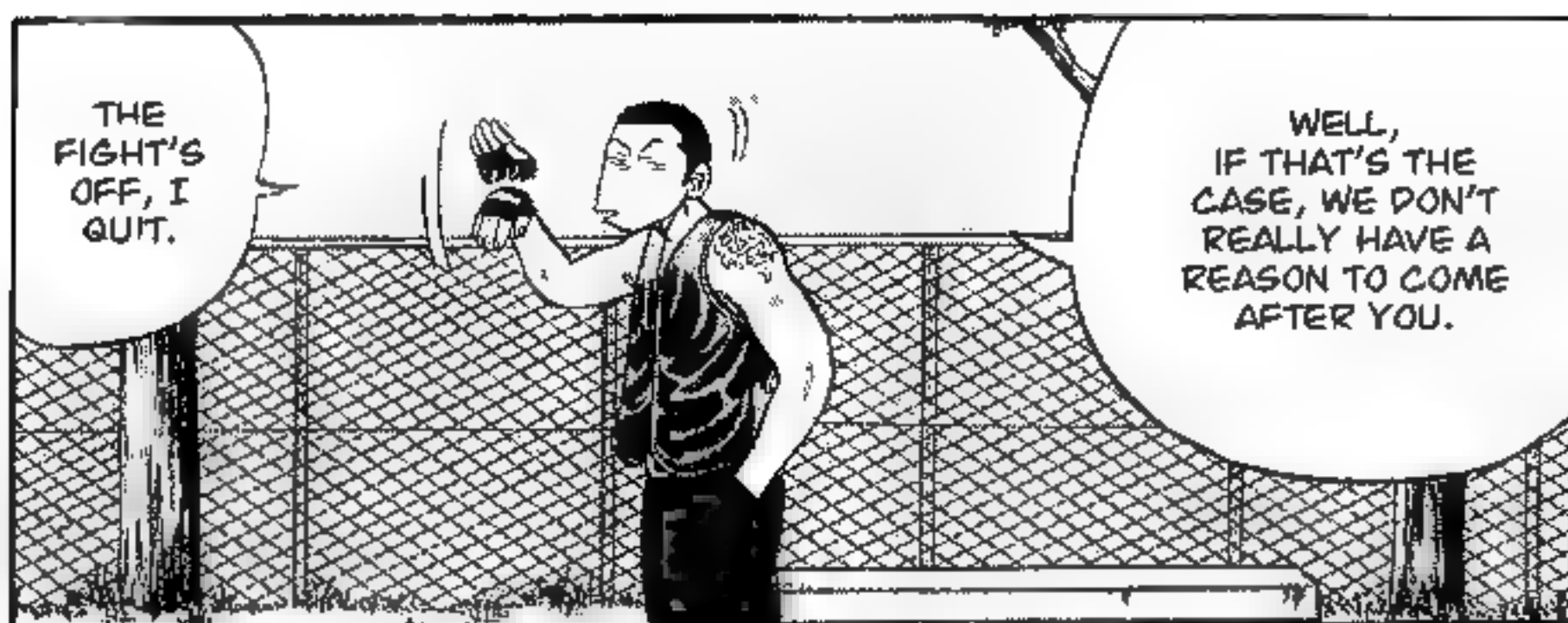
YOU
FROM THIS
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE?

SE425

**CHAPTER 32:
THE RACE TOWARDS NO. 2**







THE
FIGHT'S
OFF, I
QUIT.

WELL,
IF THAT'S THE
CASE, WE DON'T
REALLY HAVE A
REASON TO COME
AFTER YOU.



YOU CAME
INTO MY
HOUSE AND
STARTED
SHIT. DON'T
THINK I'LL
JUST TAKE
THIS QUIETLY.

DON'T
FUCK
AROUND
WITH
ME.



THAT'D
PISS
ANYONE
OFF!

THAT'S
YOUR FAULT.
WE WERE
VERY POLITE,
SINCE WE'RE
VISITORS AND
ALL, BUT
YOUR BOYS
SAID THEY
DIDN'T LIKE
OUR FACES.



YOU
KNOW
...



IF
YOU DON'T
LIKE THAT,
THEN I'LL
FIGHT YOU,
BUT NOW'S
JUST NOT A
GOOD TIME.
WE'RE A BIT
PREOCCU-
PIED AT THE
MOMENT
...

WELL,
I GUESS
I DID
OVERDO
IT A
LITTLE
...



...



YOU GET
IT, RIGHT?
WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF
YOU AND I
FOUGHT
...

CAN'T
AFFORD
TO GET
HURT
RIGHT
NOW.







CANT
SAY
...



WATCH
YOUR
BACKS
...

BUT
THERE ARE
TWO GUYS IN
THIS TOWN
THAT YOU'D
DO WELL TO
STAY AWAY
FROM...

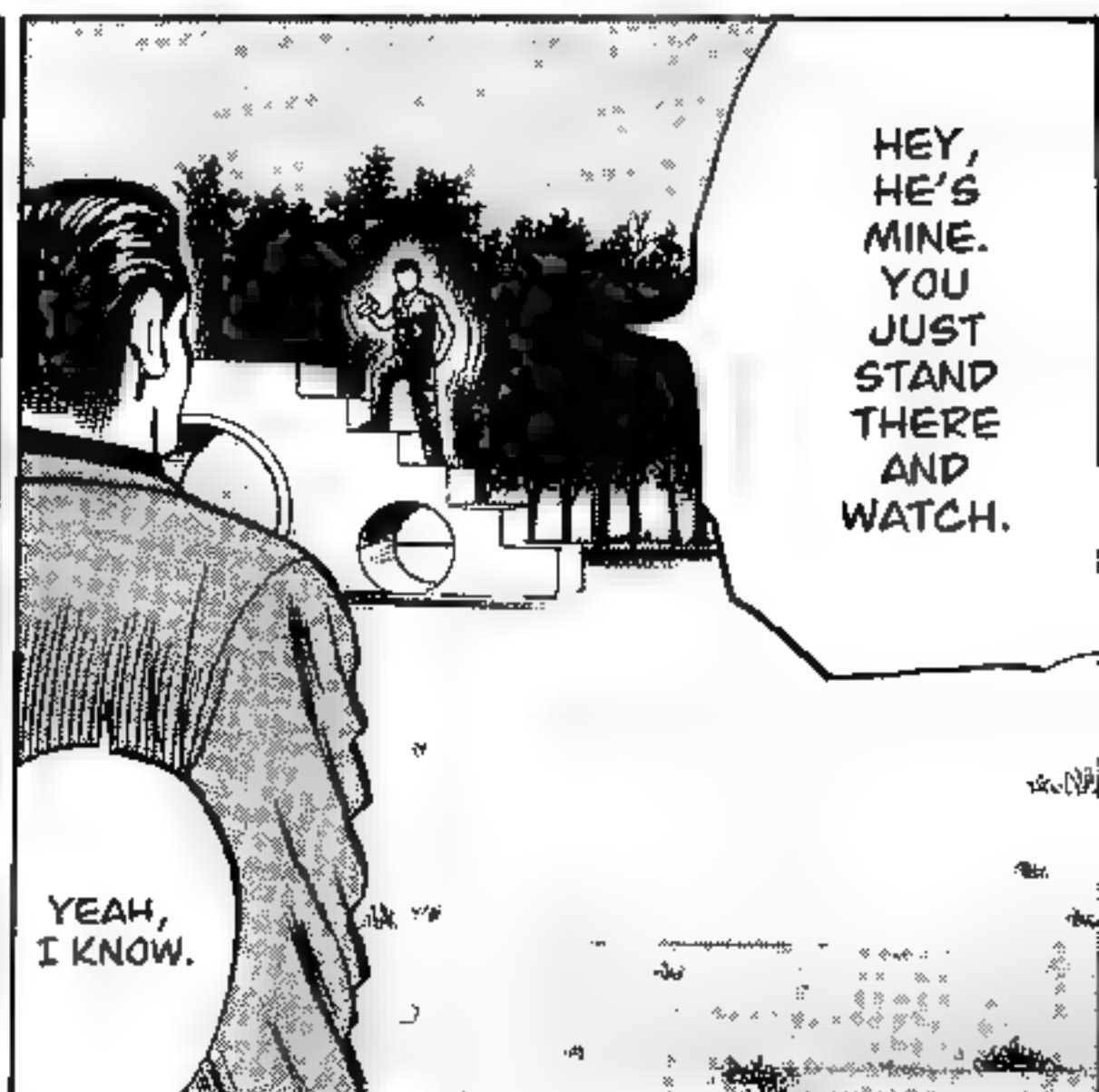




IF IT WERE
ME THOUGH,
I'D KO HIM IN
THREE
ROUNDS. KA
KA KA...




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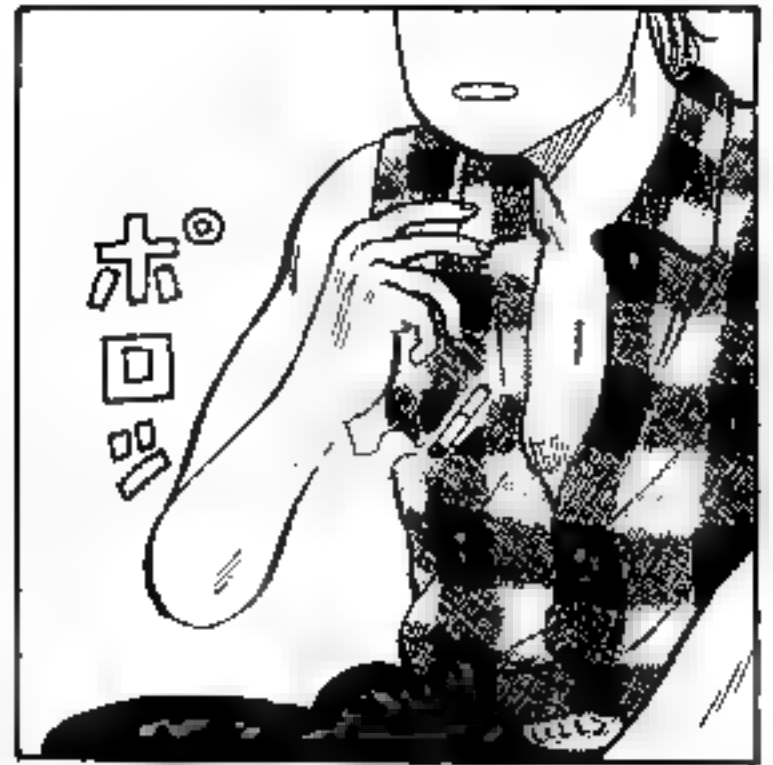
HEY,
HE'S
MINE.
YOU
JUST
STAND
THERE
AND
WATCH.

YEAH,
I KNOW.



JUST LIKE
YOU SAID, I
THINK I'M
GOING TO
LIKE THIS
TOWN... FU
FU FU!!





IN
OTHER
WORDS...
MAKO
GOT A
LOVE
CONFES-
SION...
A LOVE
LETTER!



IT PROB-
ABLY SAID
SOMETHING
LIKE, "I'VE
BEEN A FAN
OF YOURS
SINCE WE
WERE
FRESH-
MEN!" OR
SOME-
THING...

...TER



LET...



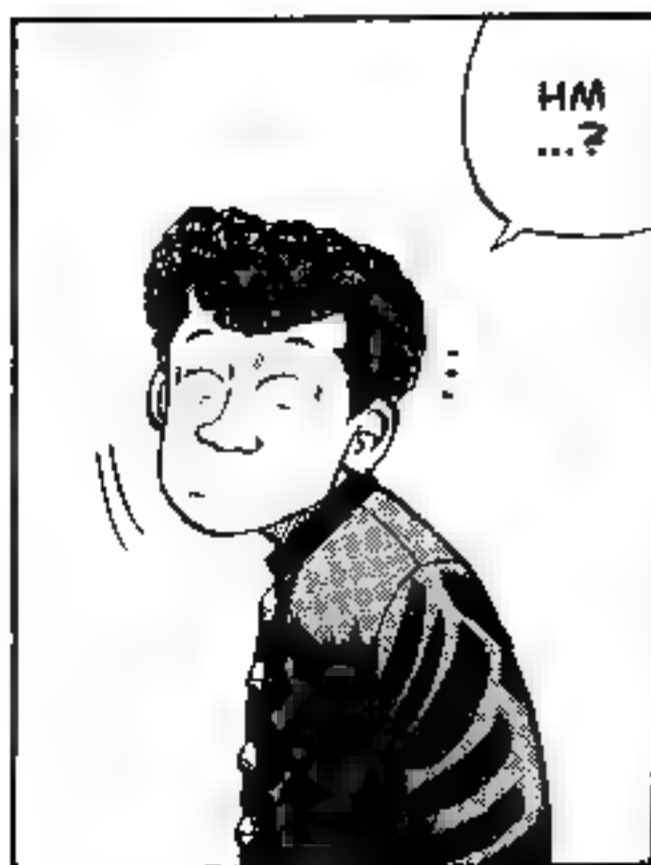
LOVE



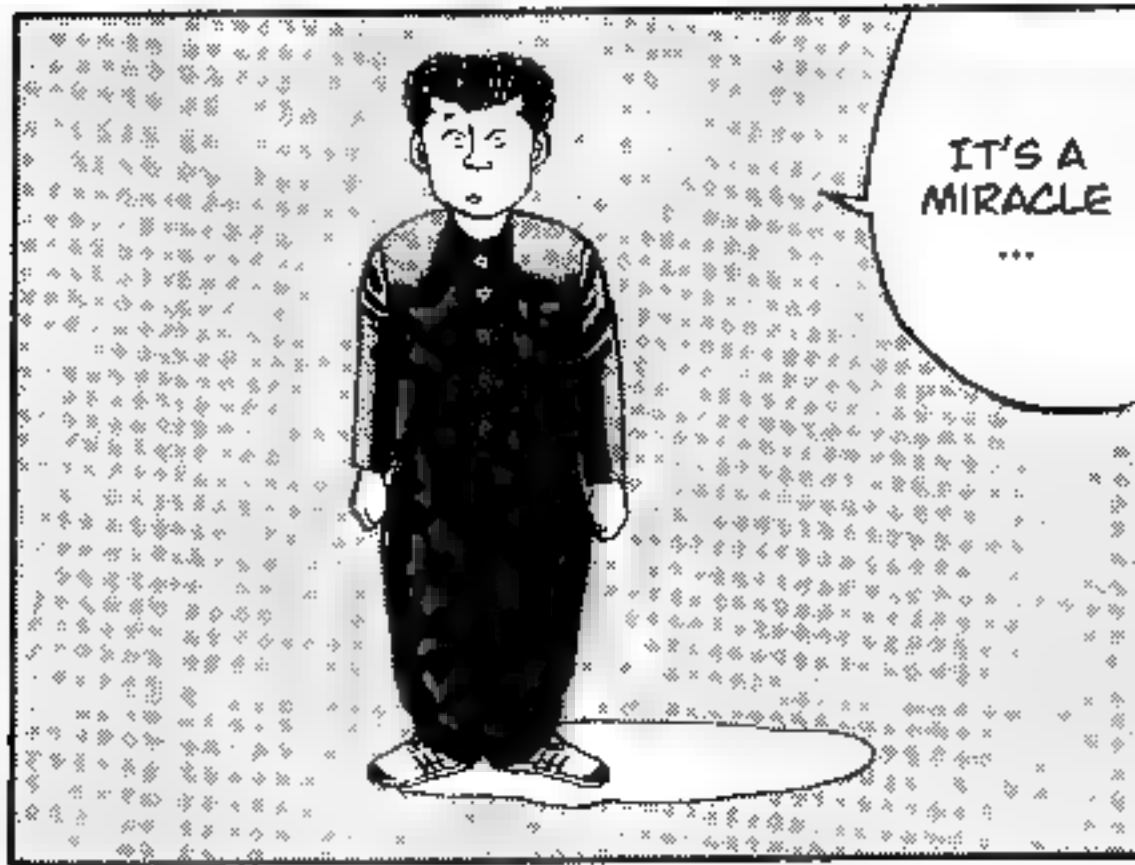
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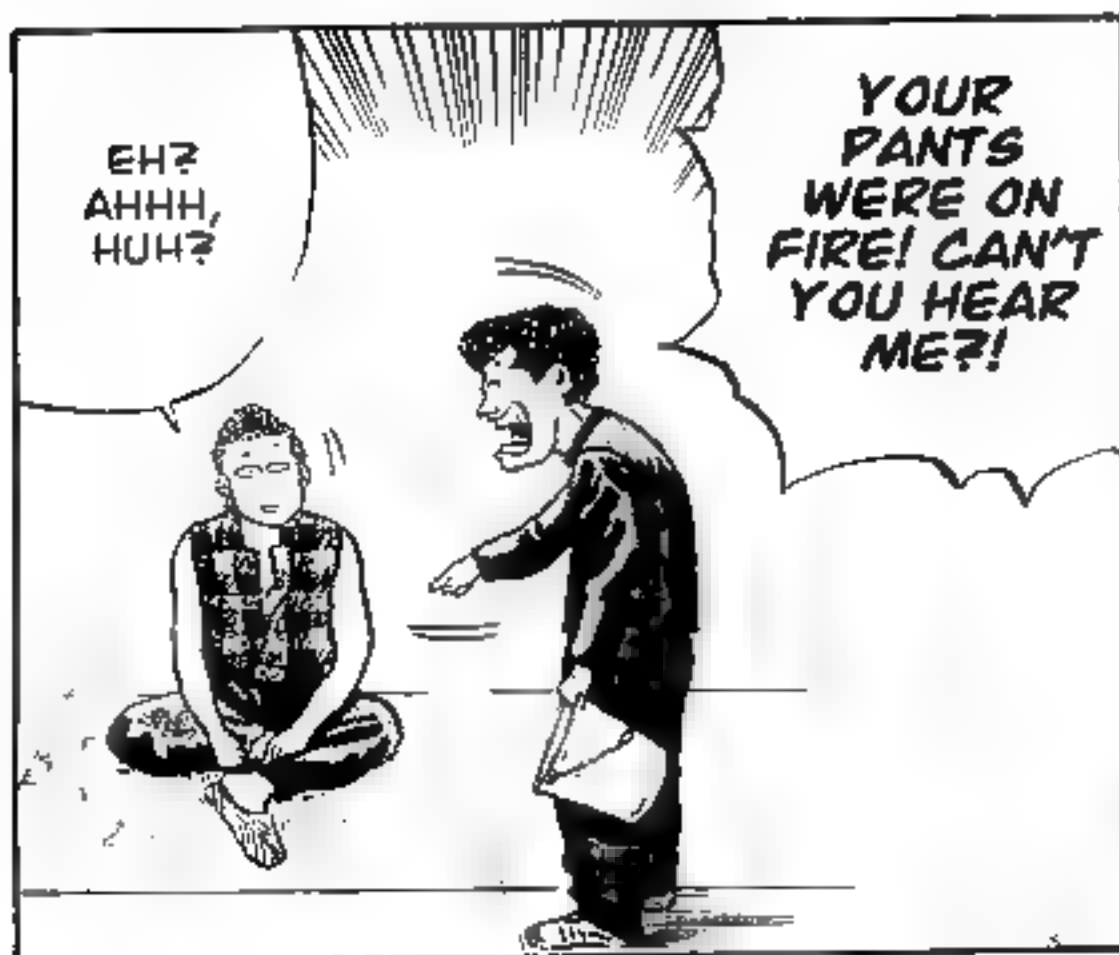


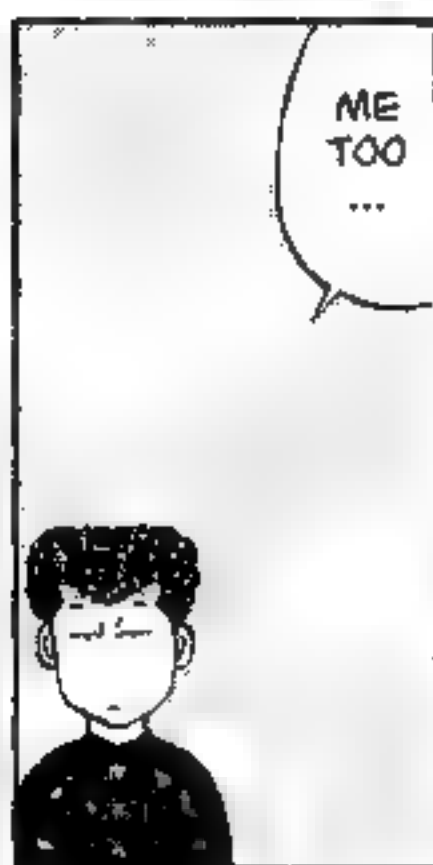
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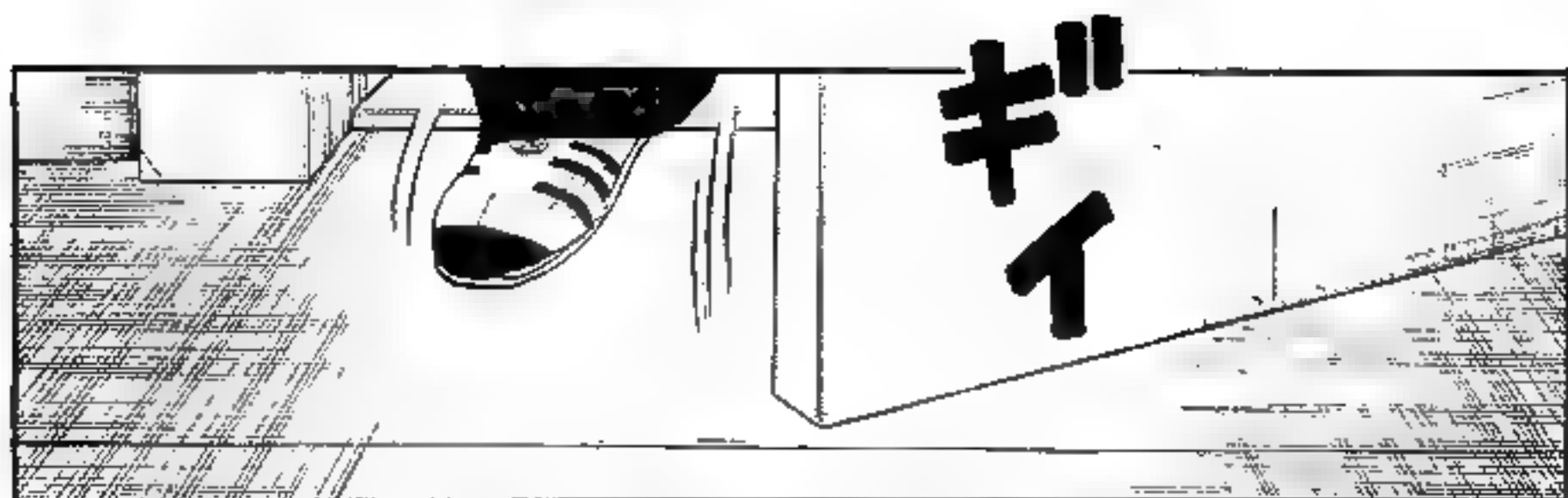


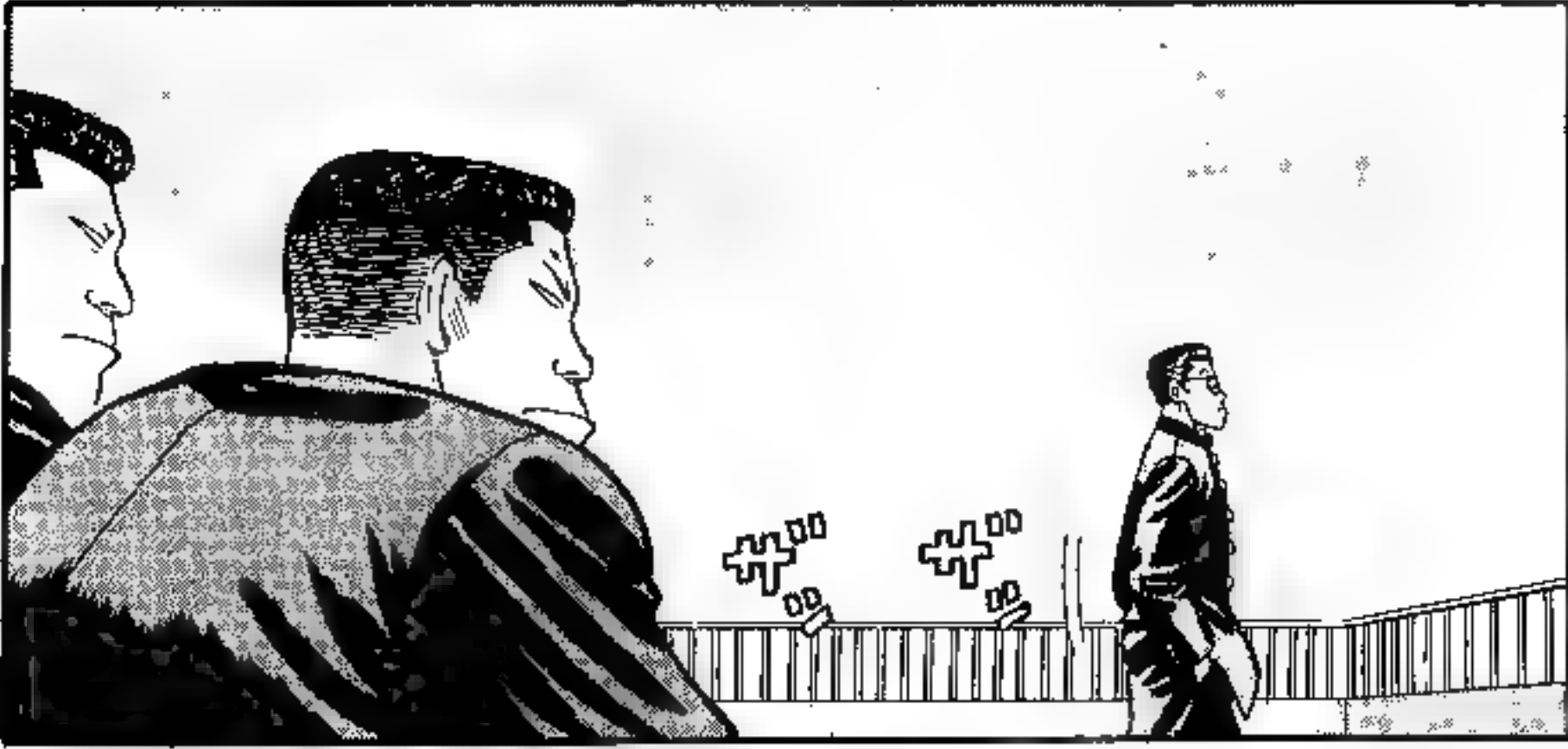
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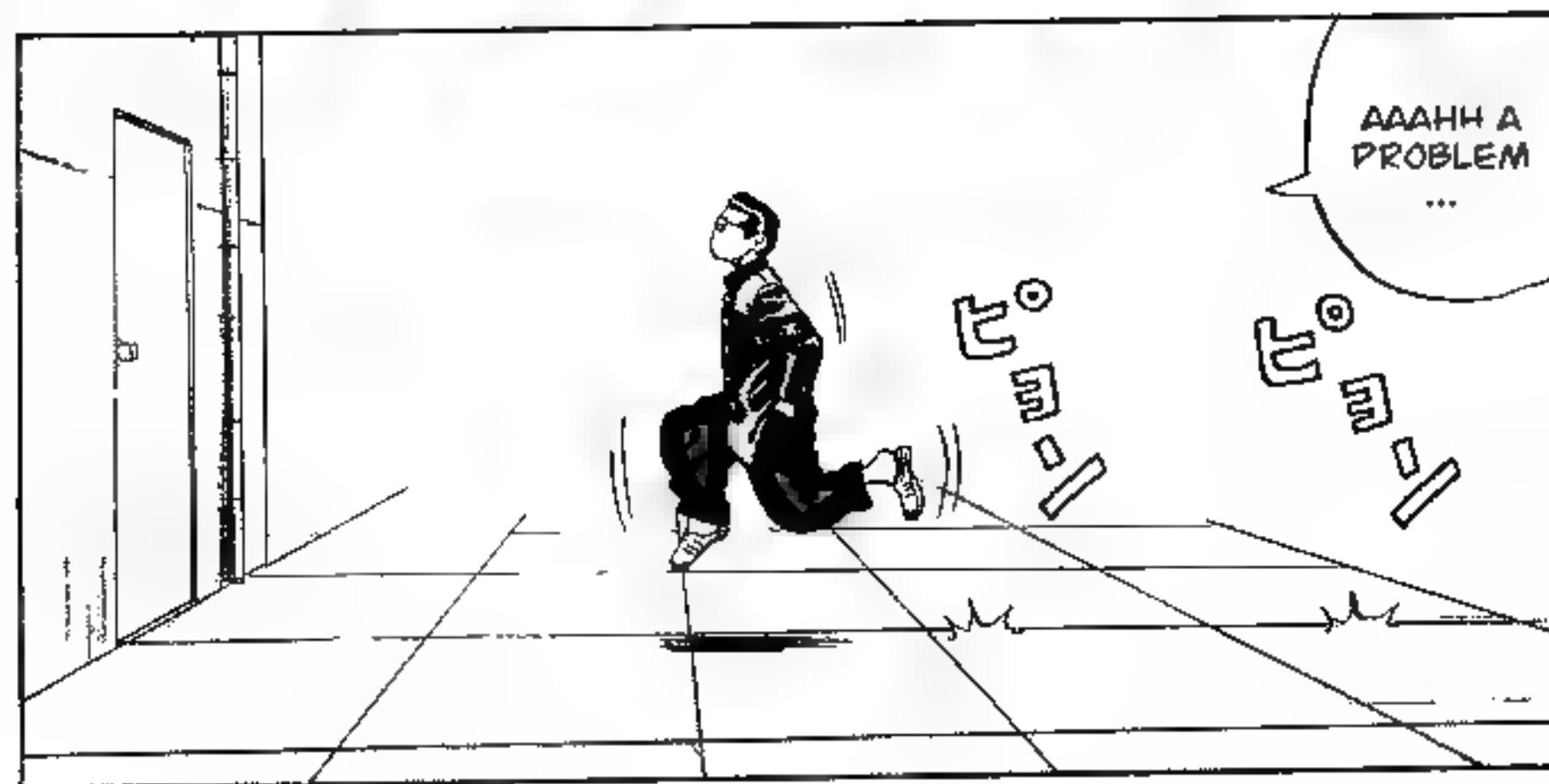
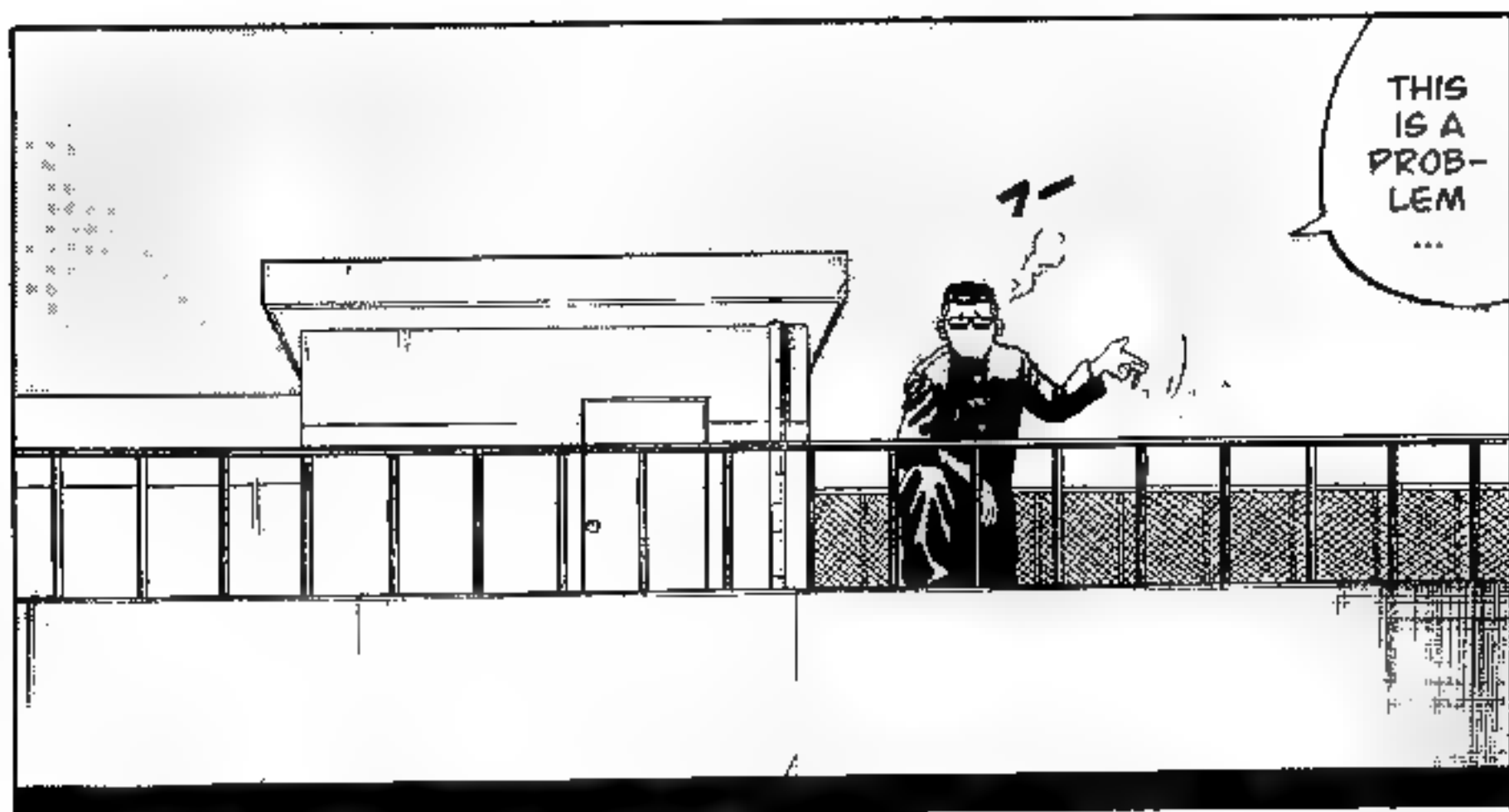


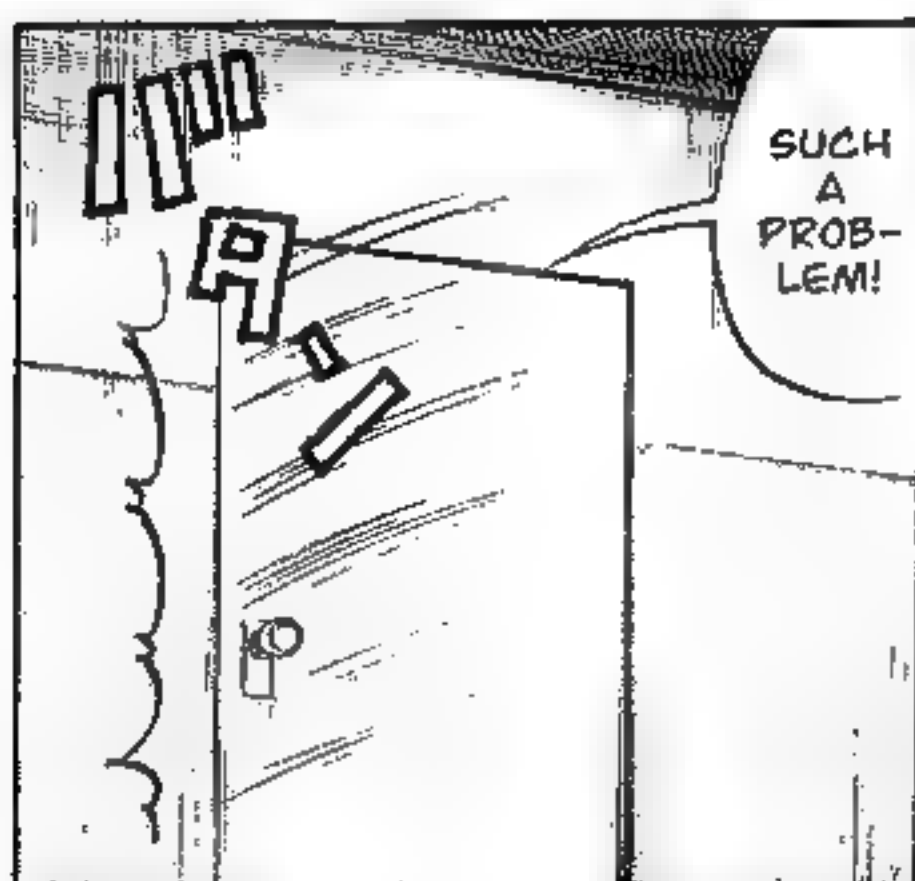


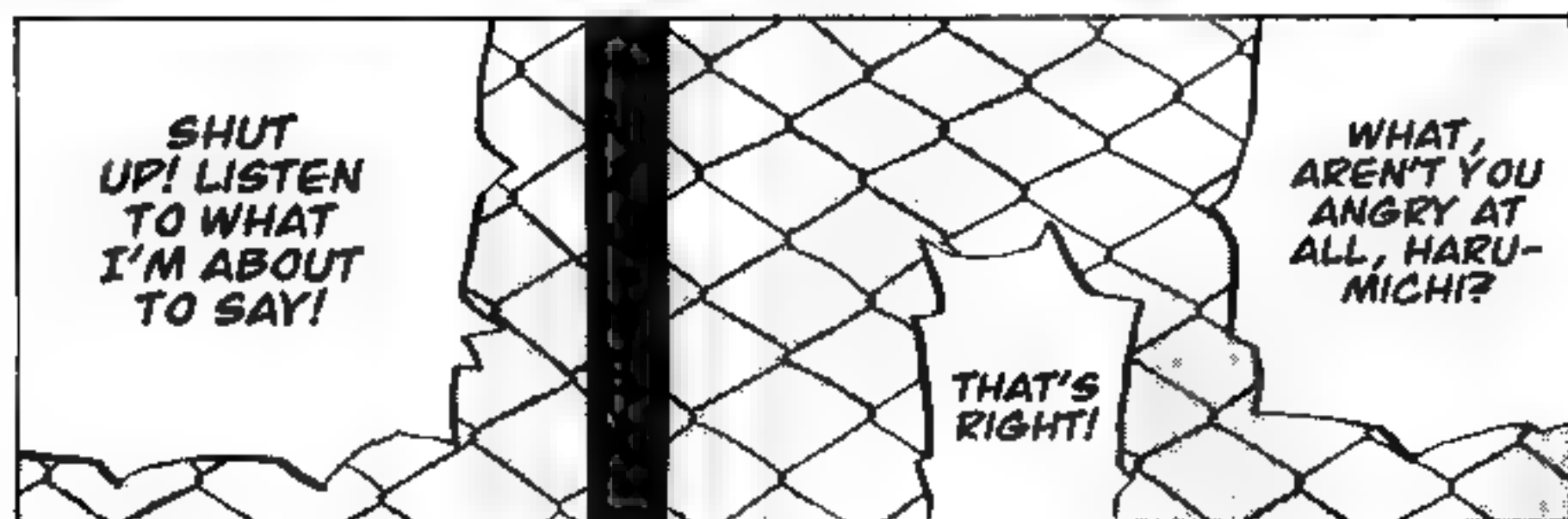


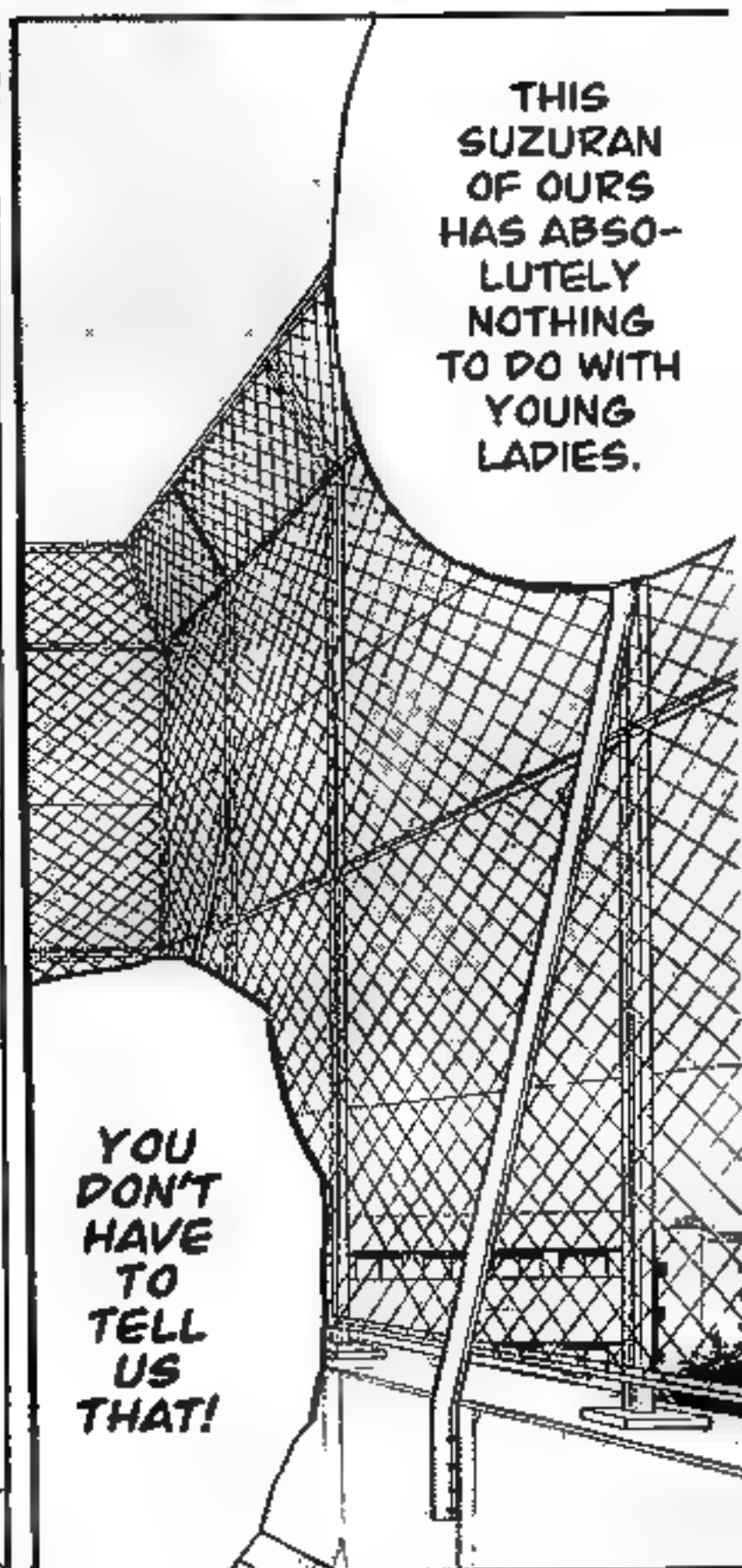
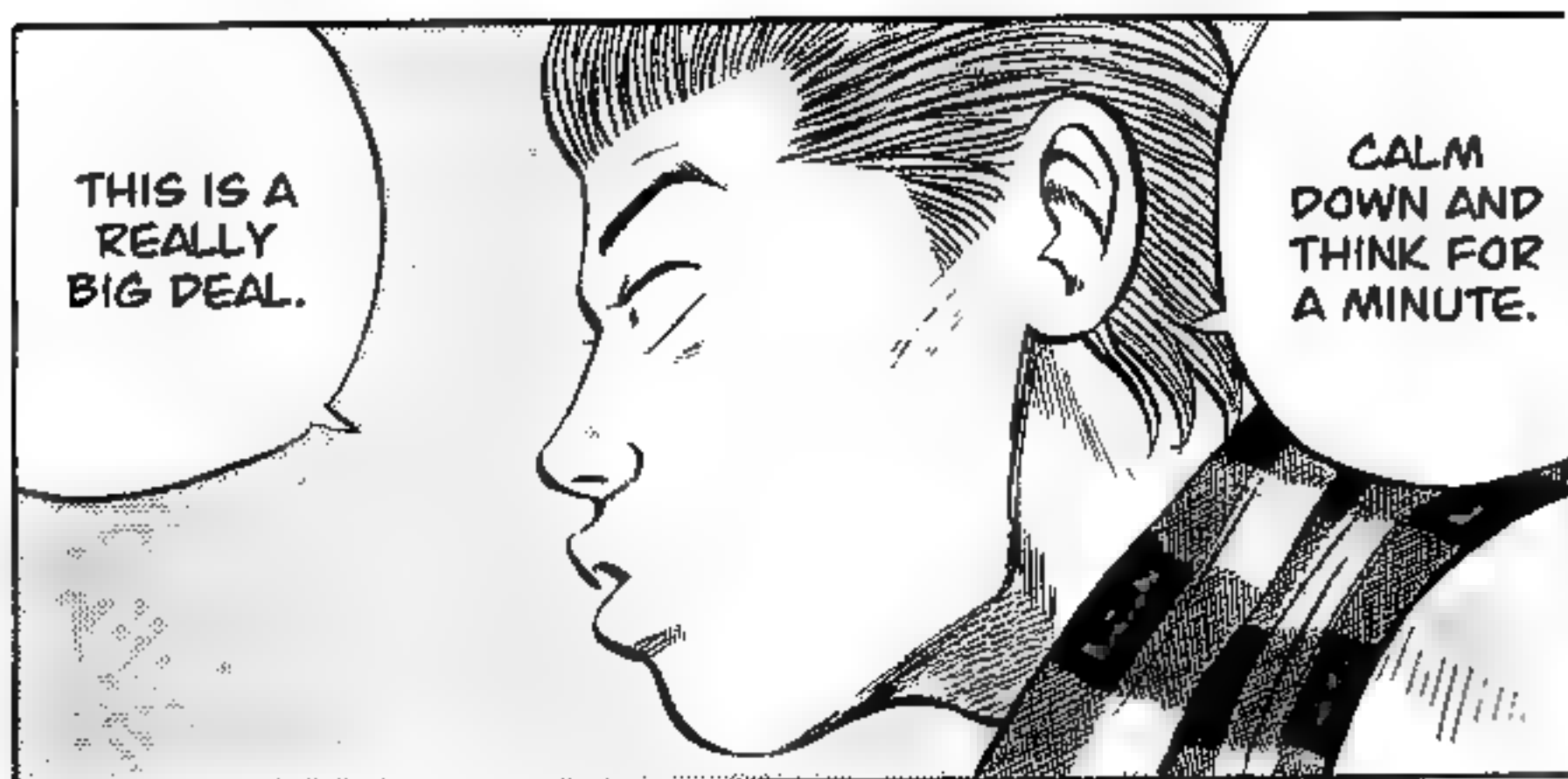














I SEE.
SO IN OTHER
WORDS, YOU'RE
PLANNING ON
MAKING MAKO-
SAN DO ALL THE
HARD WORK
AND REAPING
THE BENEFITS
YOURSELF.



OWI-
IEE!

OH.



AH,
WAIT,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.
HA HA
HA...



BUT FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN
THE HISTORY OF
SUZURAN HIGH, A
CONNECTION TO
GIRLS, NO A GIRL'S
SCHOOL HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED. YOU
GET ME?!

SUGIHARA
MAKOTO HAS
TURNED OUT
TO BE OUR
GREATEST
TREASURE!

I CAN'T
GO EMPTY-
HANDED! UH,
LET'S SEE...
MAKOTO-KUN
LIKES SWEETS,
RIGHT?

オ
!

SINCE
THAT'S
SETTLED,
NOW'S
NOT THE
TIME FOR
US TO SIT
IDLE BY.

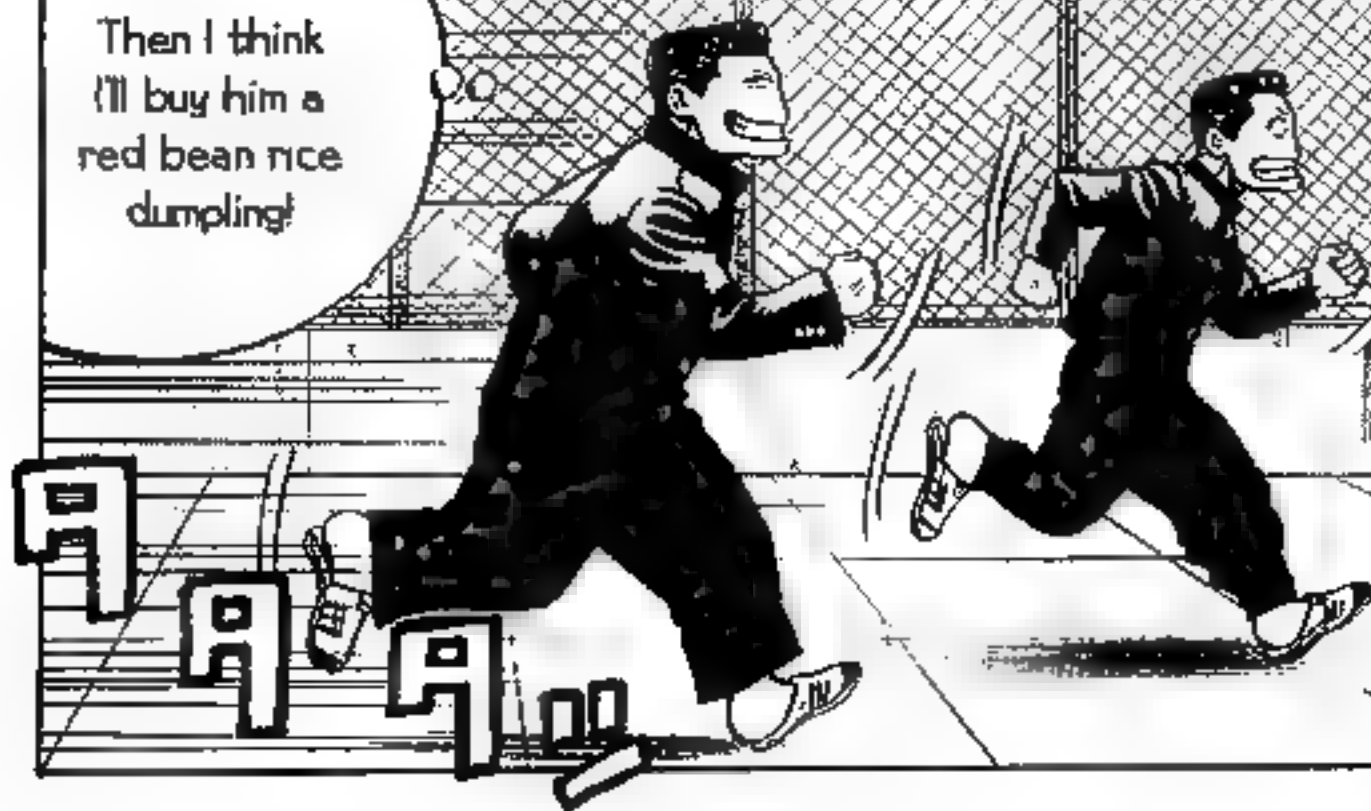


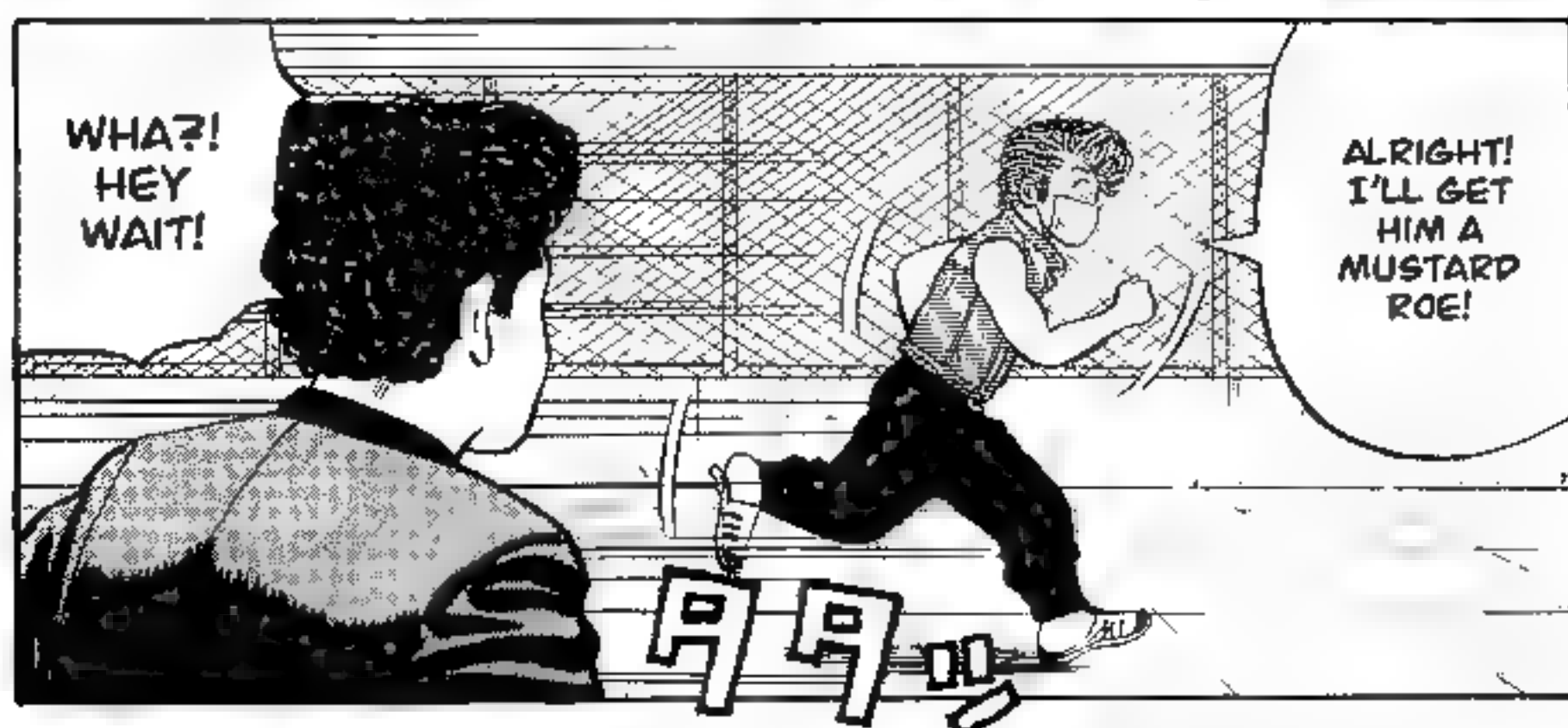
YEAH!
I'LL BUY HIM
A SPONGE CAKE
OR SOMETHING,
AND BECOME
HIS BESTEST
FRIEND!



Then I think
I'll buy him a
red bean rice
dumpling!

HEY,
WAIT UP,
HARU-
MACHI-
KUN!







Meanwhile,
the Kurotaki
Alliance...



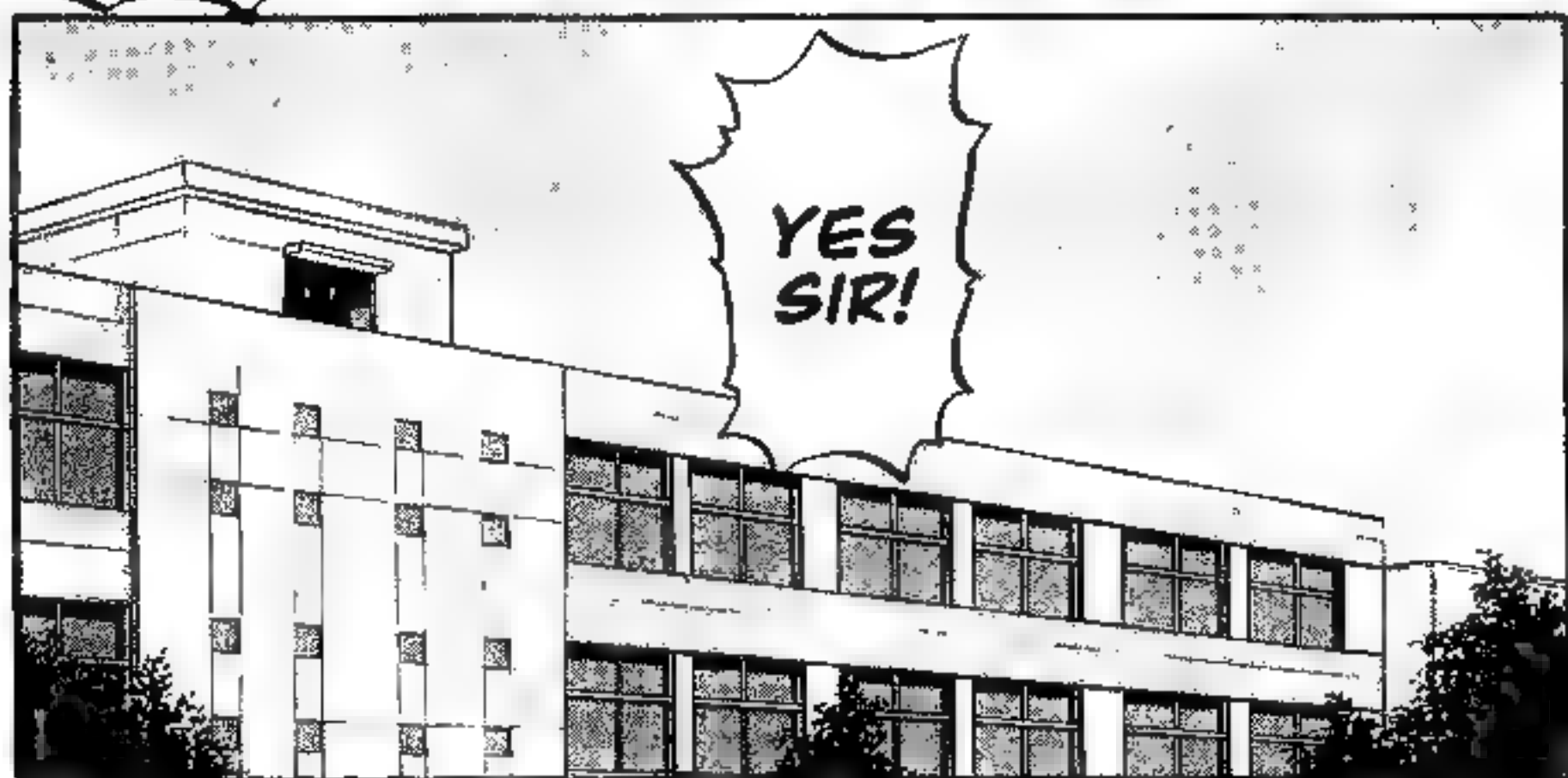
HI-
HIROMI-
SAN!



**LISTEN UP!
FIND THOSE
TWO JERKS
AND BEAT
'EM DOWN!
TAKE THEM
OUT FOR
KUROTAKI'S
HONOR!**

**DON'T
LET
TSUKA-
MOTO OR
NANA-
MORI OR
ANYONE
ELSE
GET TO
THEM
FIRST!**

**YES
SIR!**

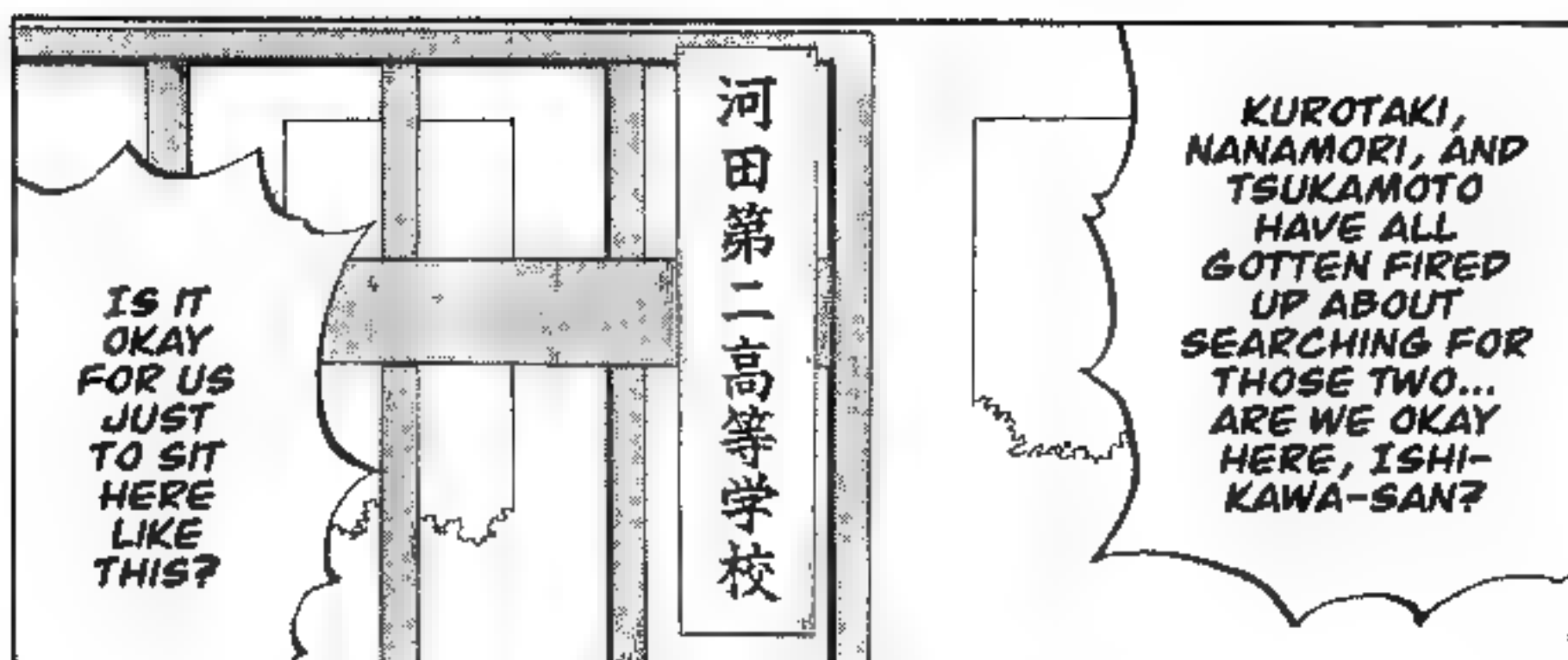


**NANAMORI
WILL BE
THE ONES
TO GET
THOSE
TWO! DON'T
GIVE THEM
UP TO
MARUKEN,
KAKUKEN,
OR YAGI-
SAWA! GOT
IT?!**



**LISTEN UP!
DON'T LET
ANYONE
ELSE GET
TO THEM
FIRST! IT'S
GONNA BE
US WHO
DESTROYS
THEM!**



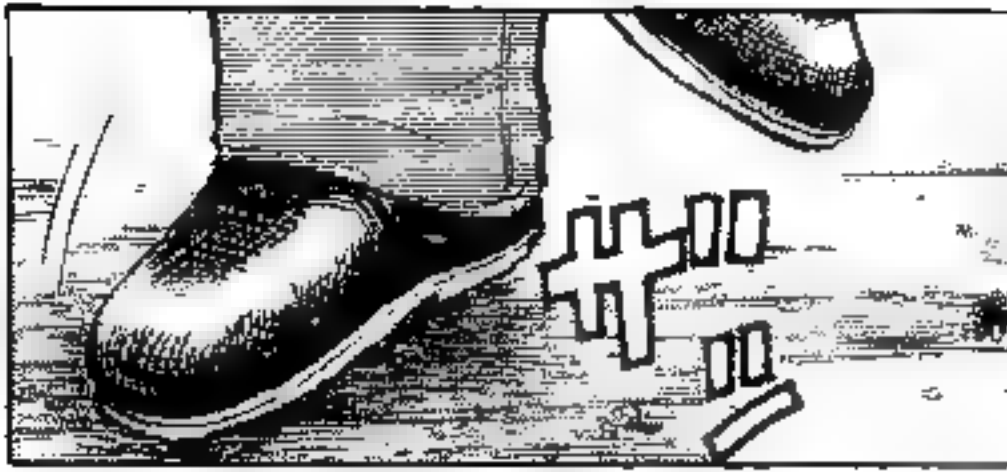




THIS WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE A
MEETING
WITH ALL OF
THE OFFI-
CERS OF
THE ALLI-
ANCE
...



THIS IS
EVERY-
ONE WHO
CAME
...?



ONE DAY,
SOME OF OUR
GUYS WERE
JUST MESSING
AROUND AND
TRASHED THE
MOTORCYCLE
THAT BELONGED
TO THIS DUDE
NAMED PARKO.
SO THEY ENDED
UP FIGHTING
HIM...

THOSE
FIVE GUYS
ARE COM-
PLETE MON-
STERS
...



ANYWAY,
TELL US
ABOUT
THOSE
TWO... OR
RATHER,
THOSE
FIVE
GUYS.

EVEN
IF WE
WAIT,
THEY
WON'T
SHOW
UP.



ONE OF OUR
GUYS GOT
SCARED AND
PULLED A
KNIFE. HE
STABBED
PARKO IN THE
SHOULDER
...

THERE
WERE
CLOSE TO
TWENTY
GUYS, BUT
PARKO
TOOK THEM
ALL OUT ON
HIS OWN
...





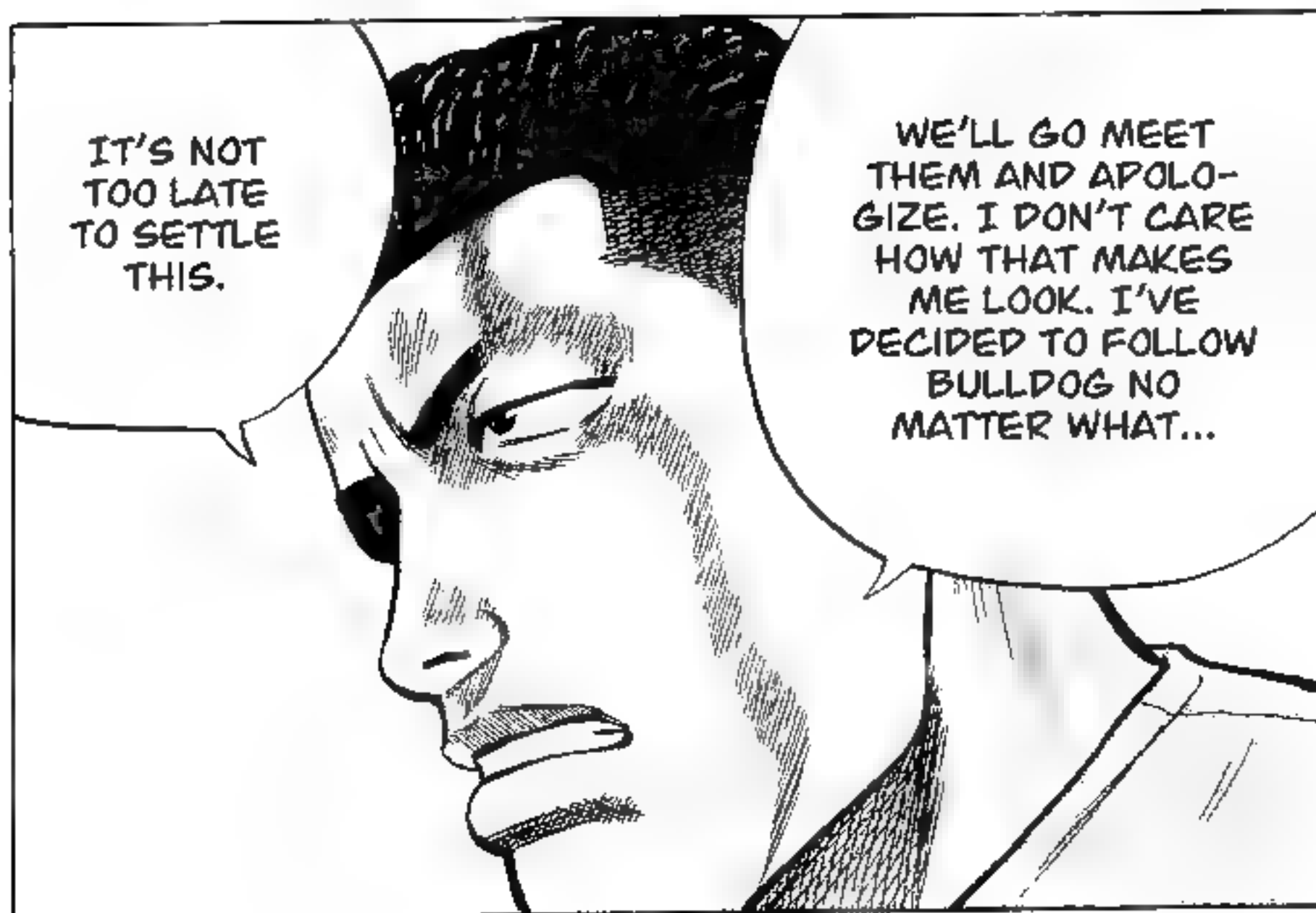
EVERY-
ONE,
WE'RE
REALLY
SORRY.

BULLDOG
CALLED
JACK-
ASSES
LIKE US
HIS
FRIENDS.
AND IN
RETURN,
WE...



WE
THOUGHT
WE'D USE
YOU GUYS
TO GET RID
OF THEM
...

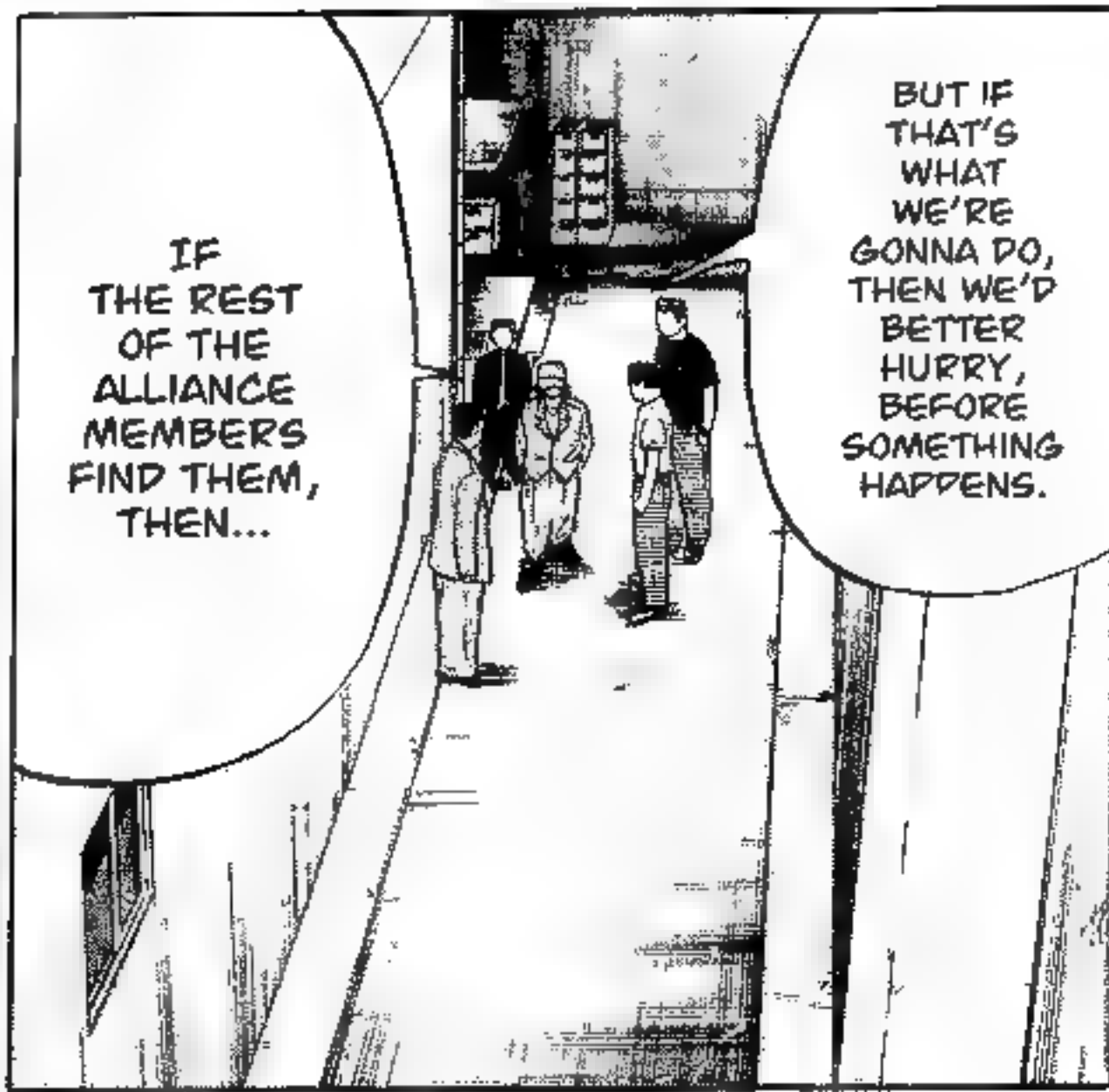
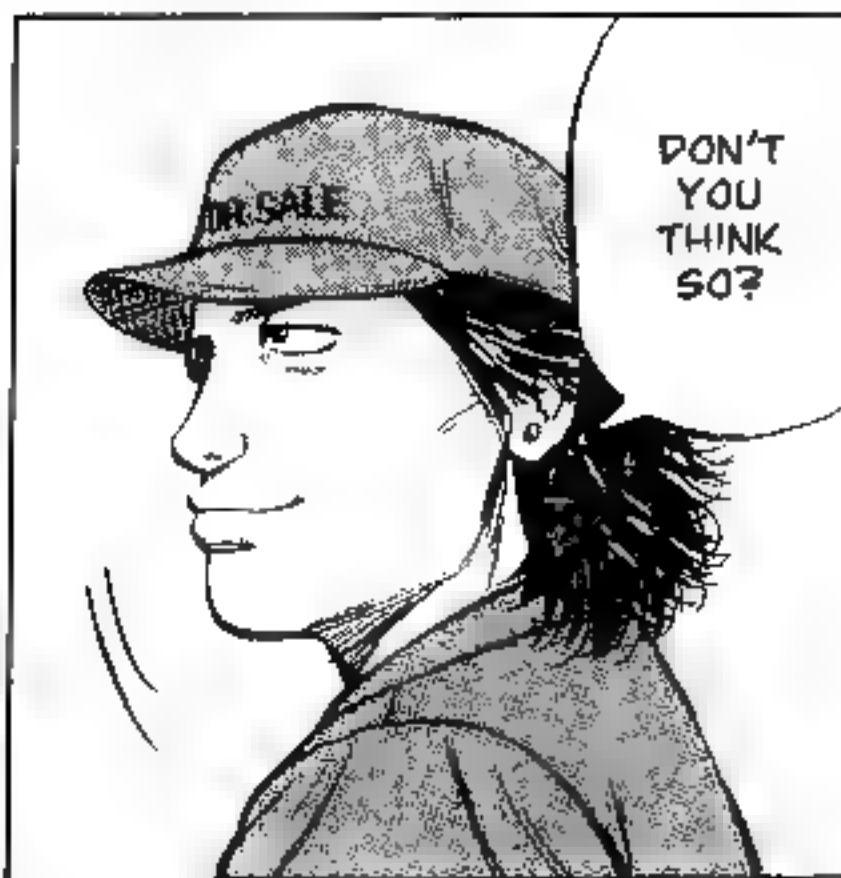
SORRY.
EVEN
THOUGH
IT'S OUR
PROBLEM
...



IT'S NOT
TOO LATE
TO SETTLE
THIS.

WE'LL GO MEET
THEM AND APOLO-
GIZE. I DON'T CARE
HOW THAT MAKES
ME LOOK. I'VE
DECIDED TO FOLLOW
BULLDOG NO
MATTER WHAT...





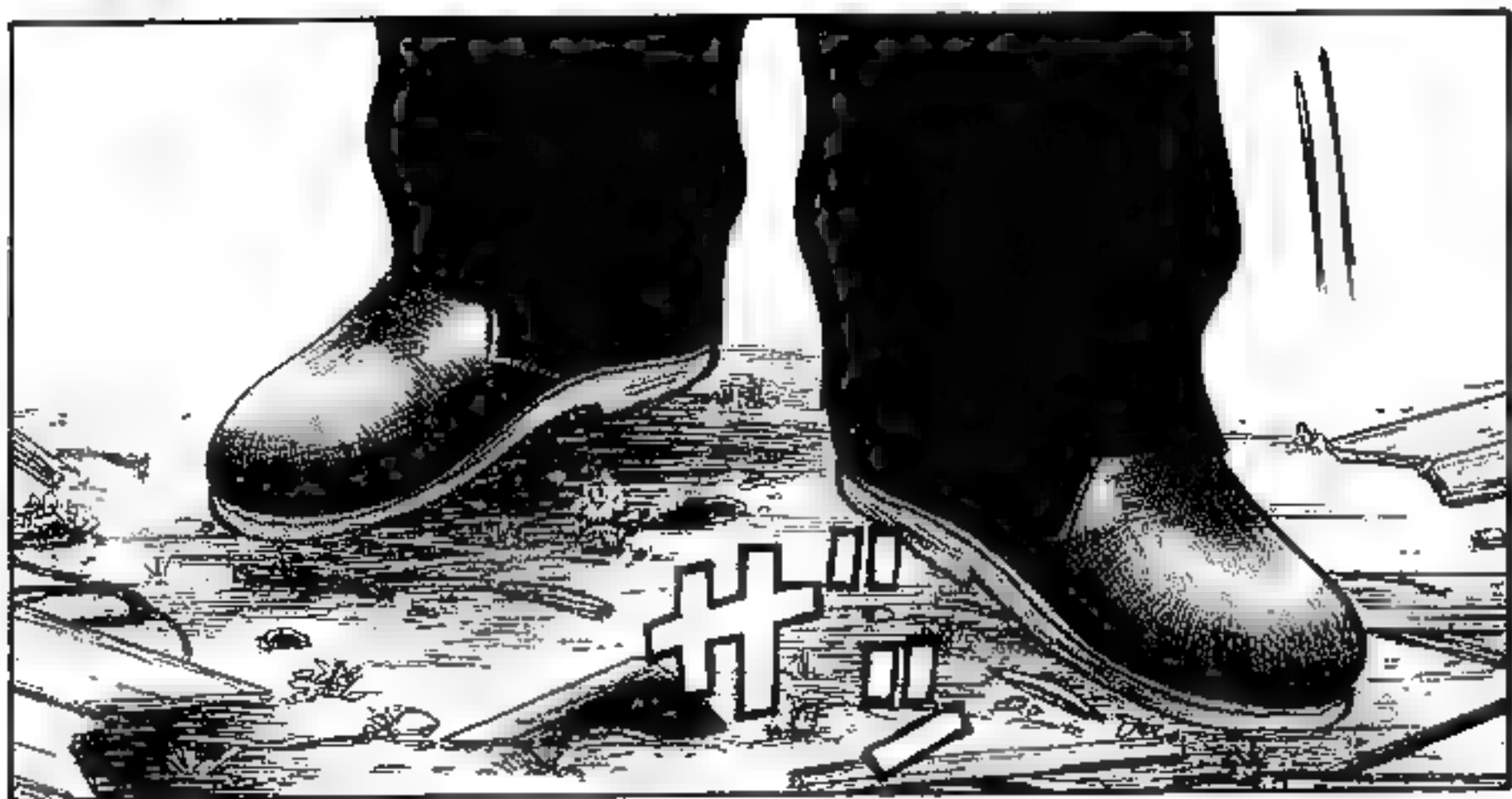
**THEN...THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE
WILL LOSE!**



**And so,
without Bulldog,
the Kurotaki
Alliance was all
over the place.**

YEAH!

**ALRIGHT!
LET'S
HURRY UP
AND FIND
THOSE
TWO!**



SO YOU'RE THE
SNOT-NOSED
PUNKS THAT'RE
CHASING AROUND
TAKESHI AND
TSUYOSHI, HUH?

I'M YAGI-
SAWA, FROM
TSUKAMOTO
HIGH OF THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE.










THAT IS
THE KURO-
TAKI ALLI-
ANCE'S
ANSWER,
RIGHT?

SO
THEY'RE
GOING TO
KEEP
RUNNING
FROM
US? AND
THE
KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE
ARE
WILLING
TO MAKE
ENEMIES
OF US
KNOWING
THAT?



WHAT-
EVER!
YOU
GUYS
ARE FIN-
ISHED!

WHAT
THE
HELL
ARE YOU
GOING
ON
ABOUT,
YOU
IDIOT?!

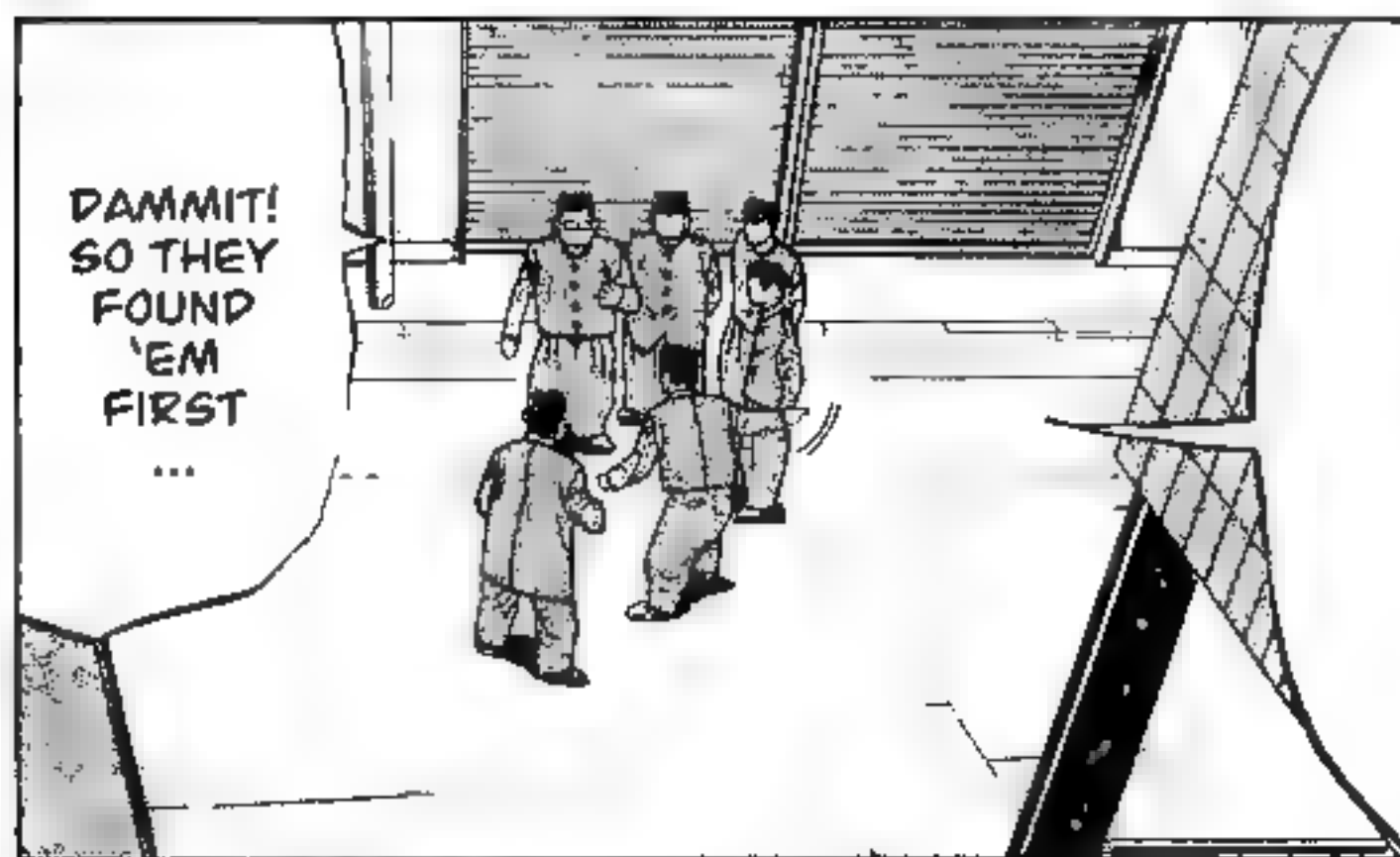


I SEE...
THIS IS A
REAL BIG
LETDOWN.

LOOKS LIKE
THE KUROTAKI
ALLIANCE IS
AN ORGANI-
ZATION FILLED
WITH TRASH.



WHAT?!
THE
TSUKA-
MOTO
GUYS
DID?!



DAMMIT!
SO THEY
FOUND
'EM
FIRST
...

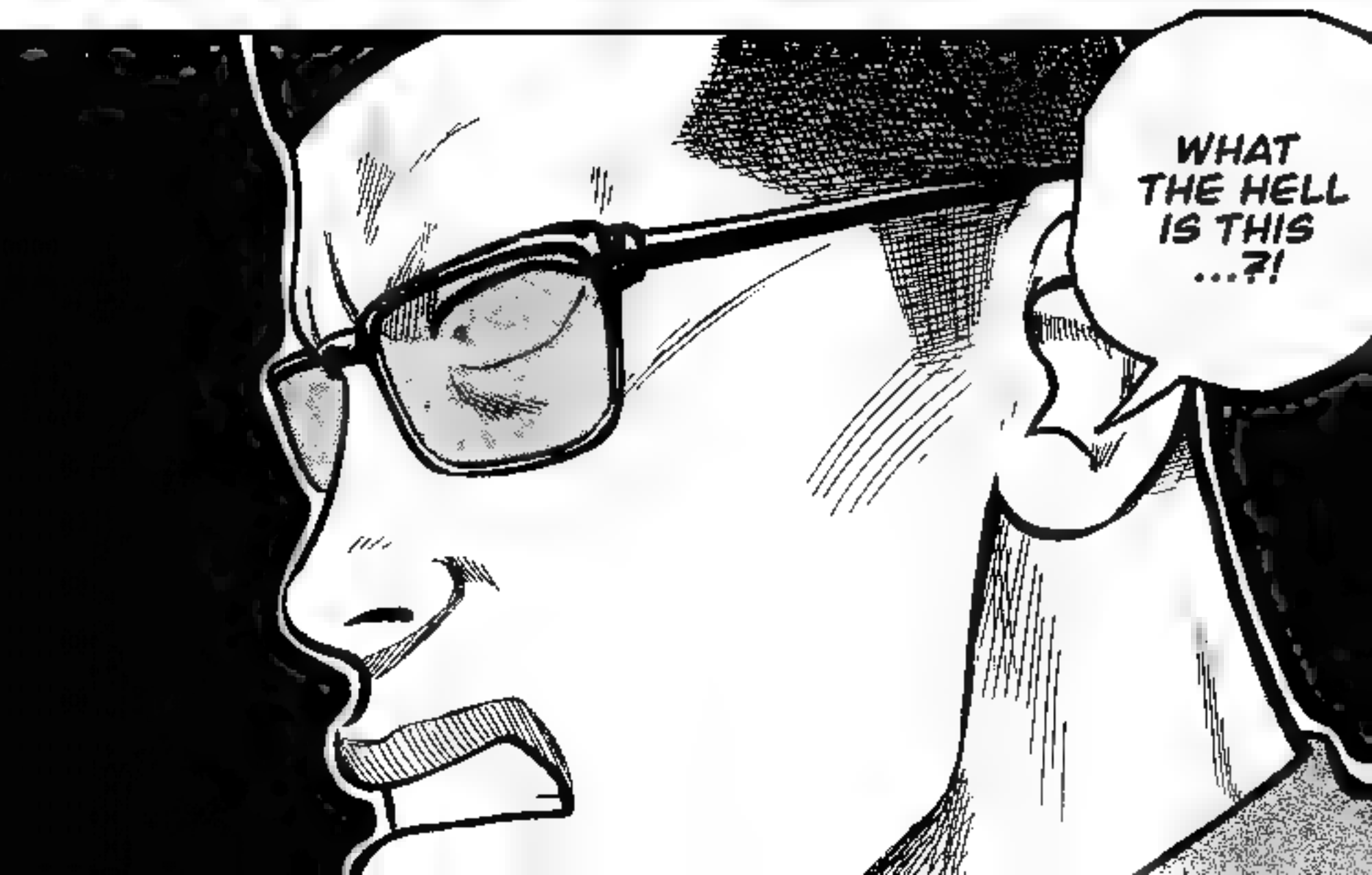
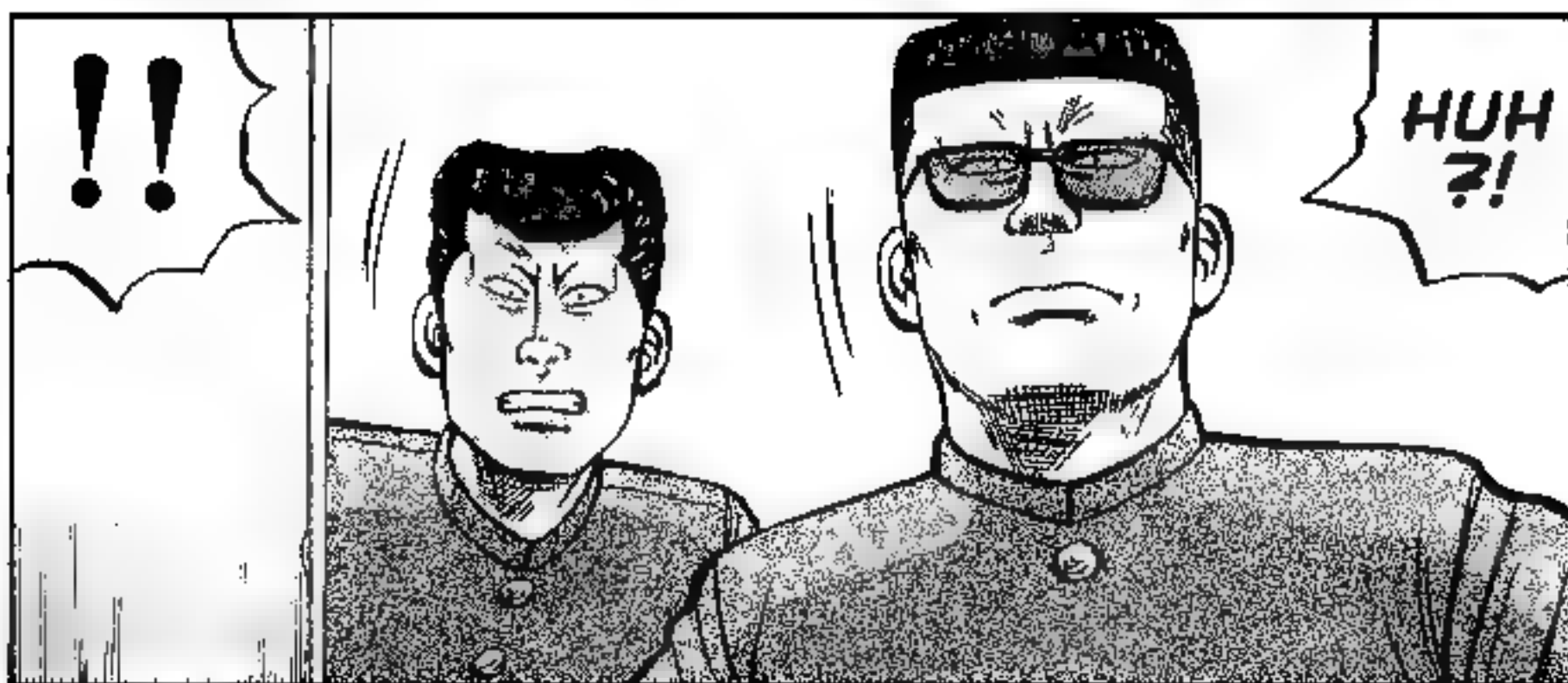
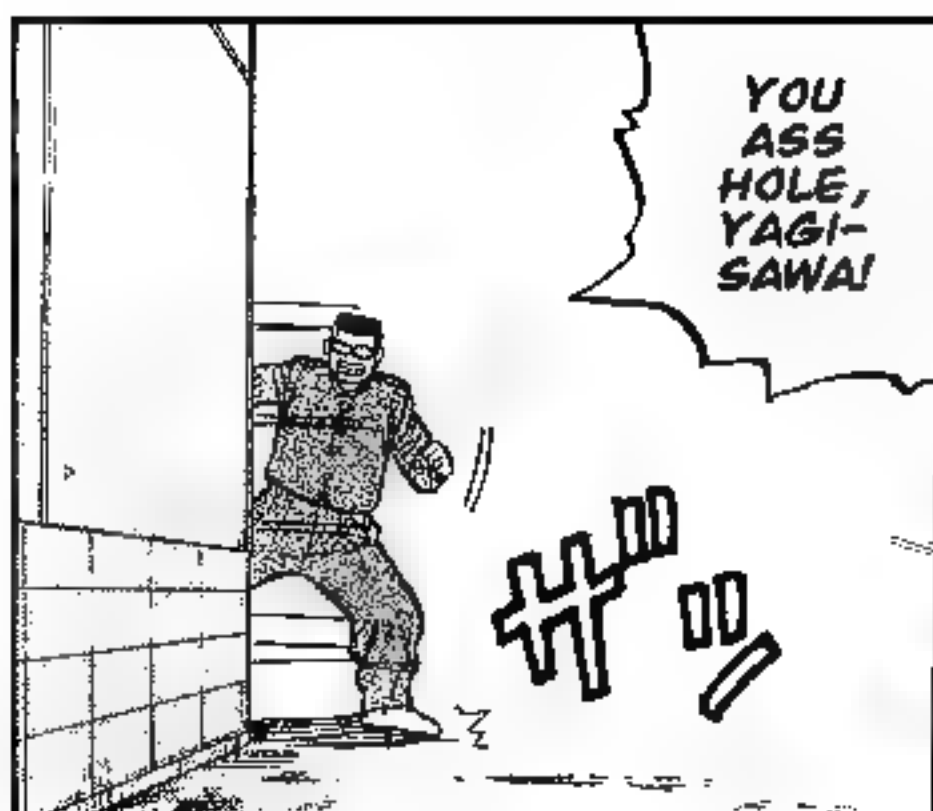
YES,
THERE'S NO
MISTAKING
IT! I SAW
THEM GOING
WITH TWO
GUYS I'VE
NEVER SEEN
BEFORE
TOWARDS
THE WARE-
HOUSE
BEHIND THE
STATION!



YES
SIR!

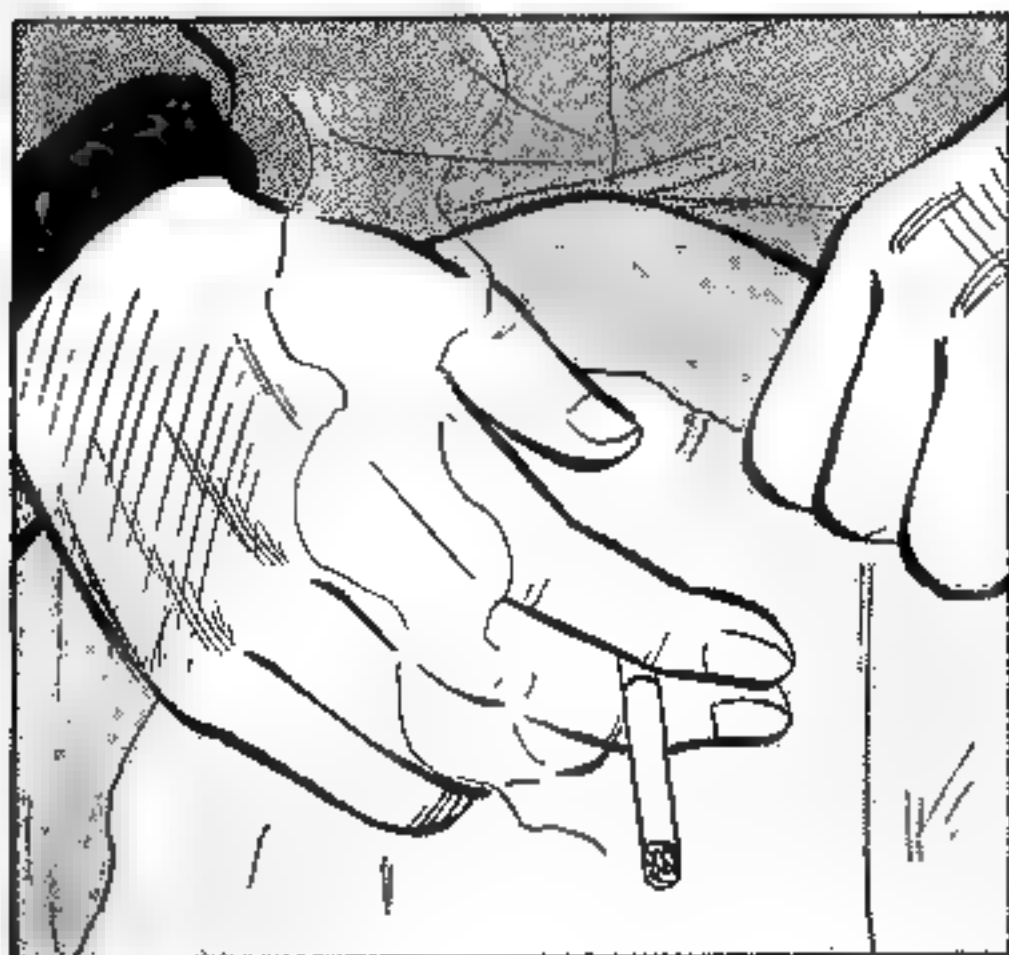
ALRIGHT!
LET'S
HURRY
OVER
THERE!

商店会









GOOD
AFTER-
NOON



Armed with some Wild Turkey and other BOOZE, we headed towards the Shinjuku Loft!

Me, Shigeru, Manabu, Horie, Horie's assistant Oshishi, and Iseki-san made six of us! It goes without saying that I kept telling everyone,

"You guys realize that if it weren't for me...

If it weren't for me... you guys'd never be able to meet them, you know that, right?

You can't ever forget that!

Are you listening? Especially you!"



I only found out later that no one was listening.

We talked to their staff and headed inside.

Moments later, the lights dimmed, the stage lit up with a Bang, and the Loft erupted!

From the light they emerged. **Shoji, Ichikawa, Seizi, and Oki...** It's hard for me to explain how it felt; it was something that you feel with your body, with your heart.

Real rockers like the Beats stay underground, while phonies strut around... This was something that made me so angry. Labels that only care about acts that do as they're told, regardless of how legit their music is! Consumers that get caught up in all of it!

Phony is phony.

And phonies are usually one-hit wonders.

But the BEATS' songs are timeless!

There isn't a single weak track!

"Hey! Young man! Throw that worthless CD away and pick up some BEATS!" Sure I wasn't going to tell anyone that anytime soon, but I do hope that people listen to the BEATS someday! Of course I know there are people trying to get real rock out into the world.

If I had known of the BEATS just a bit earlier and heard "Yakusoku dekinai", "Shounen no Hi", "Happi Bokkusu wo Sagashite", "Don't Be Cool", "Born to Be Happy", I might have even become a mangaka earlier!

That's what was on my mind!

4. H=hello. Nice to meet you

The most incredible concert came to an end, and the after-party began. The staff called us so we went back inside.

And we went down the stairs...!

THUMP THUMP...
THUMP THUMP...





WOW!

Look everyone. It's the
BASSIST, Ichikawa!

WOW!

WOW!

Th-that's the

DRUMMER, SHOJI!

WOW!



OH! It's **SEIZI!** The **GUITARIST**
SEIZI! WOW!

WH-WHOA!

I-IT'S HIM!

We sat at the table that
the staff showed us to...

"Hello, I'm Oki of the BEATS."



WH-WHOA!

WOW, WOW! **OKI** It's **OKI**

"H-hello, pleased to meet you.
I-I'm Takahashi!", I said, excitedly.



5. Out with the traitor!

"Oh, these meatheads tagged along uninvited." I introduced the rest of the gang and handed over the present... That's when the first traitor reared his head! Yeah, it was Imamura Shigeru.

"These are from me to you all."

And with that he handed each member a fun-looking lighter! He had prepared them without telling anyone!

Yooooouu! How can you do that to us?!

I probably wasn't the only one who was thinking that!

"Are you done yet?!" I was just about done scolding Shigeru when the second traitor revealed himself! It was Horie! Drunken out of his gourd, he had taken a seat next to Oki and was laughing it up like he was old friends with him!

"Oooohhhh They're all the same!!"

"Horie! Shigeru's looking for you!" And with that I interrupted Horie and Oki. Horie, Oki, and myself were all the same age so we had a lot of common ground. Music, comics, movies, Boxing, Baseball...

"We may be in different mediums, but we're both artists!" Oki told me. That made me so glad that I had decided to become a mangaka. I was glad that I didn't give up my dream... Brother Horie probably felt the same way.



6. We Love BEATS!

Time flies when you're having fun. I talked with Oki, Seizi, Ichikawa, and Shoji, and got their autographs, and even got my picture taken with them!

"It's like a dream..." Shigeru told me, and it really was like a dream. Plus, plus, this was the night that Shigeru actually went to Ichikawa's house! HA HA HA!

We went to the Shinjuku Loft the next night too. "We'll come visit you, arms filled with BOOZE, when we can." We told them respectfully. Oki simply answered, "No need to be so formal." He was so embarrassed that next time we simply said, "Hey, Brothers! How you doing?" We weren't trying to be sycophants, but we simply love The Street Beats! And that's why I'd like to continue to have a great relationship with them...

If anyone were to read this and say, "Maybe I'll try them out too...", I think that would be awesome. Considering that all of this began with a single phone call from a Crows reader

SIDE STORY

To the Beats fans who have gathered at the "Aizu Wakamatsu Gendarme", be proud! "Of course I remember that place was incredible! They were just as awesome as Tokyo fans or even our own hometown, Hiroshima fans! Maybe even more so!"

Our meeting with **THE BEATS** that began with a tiny little thing I wanted to remember that day (and brag) and so I wrote about it here. Shinuma (Harry) Miki-san from **BEAT BOY**, who made all of this possible with a single letter, Brothers Suzukui Takayuki, and Ruji who told Harry about Crows! And Beat Box representative Kawaguchi-san, who was not only helpful and accommodating, but went so far as to get us t-shirts even though we were a nuisance.

Ichikawa's friend Keisuke, who crashed at Ichikawa's house. And everyone at **THE STREET BEATS** who were so gracious to us meatheads. Thank you. Thank you so much.

- Phonies will disappear... And the Real will survive.. It goes without saying that **Øki** and the Street Beats will survive! I imagine that they'll be singing their tough songs in the street somewhere.. And so will another band that I truly love, Yokomichi Bouzu. Even though it's a different medium, Horie will also survive in the comic world. And if these "survivors" are to ever gather together (no, they **WILL** gather!), I feel like I have to strive so that **Øki** can proudly tell me, "Takahashi, you come too!"

April, 1993

- A bit of information from the manager of "Crows", Iseki (who was the first to get drunk)! The Street Beats will be in **Crows Volume 10**! That was the talk between Takashi-san and **Øki**. Two different people from two different mediums who respect one another. How great is that? I know that they'll both succeed

June 11th, 1993



THE RETURN OF SPECIAL PROJECT - ASSISTANT SHIGERU'S

READ THIS IF YOU HAVE THE TIME!

THE STREET BEATS *

2 years ago, I heard this band live, got interested in them, bought their album and listened to it over and over... I loved their lyrics, their sound, everything! And now, I'm a prisoner of the Beats! You should listen to the Beats too! Aren't you sick of the same old love song? Listen to the Beats. You'll probably, no definitely get something out of it (I swear it).

In any case, some time ago, I, a lowly Beats fan, actually participated in a Beats concert.

March 26th - 27th, 1993, it happened at the Shinjuku Loft...

After an incredible concert, "You'll be able to meet The Beats in just a few minutes..." I can't tell you how I felt... It was a mixture of excitement, nervousness, no... those words don't do my feelings justice. I was thinking about what I would say to Oki-san, and if he would listen to me...

Harry-san called me, and I went down the stairs... There were a few tables and they were really there! It was Oki-san! Our Takahashi gang and the Beats were at the same table... It was like a dream. We talked and drank. Their autographs read, "Hey Brother." And Oki-san told me, "We have the same goal. So do your best!" I cried. On the inside... And as we left, he told us, "Come tomorrow, if you can." And that's how we spent a wonderful night with the Beats (two of them, actually).

Everyone at Beats Box who made this possible, Kawaguchi-san, Harry-san, Takahashi-kun, and the Street Beats!! Thank you so much!

P.S. We'll come visit you soon, and we'll bring booze.

THE STREET BEATS & CROWS Fight it out!!



- NEW SPECIAL PROJECT -
ASSISTANT MANABU'S
Dead This If You Have
Nothing Better To Do!

(ROWS FANS AND TAKAHASHI HIROSHI FANS AROUND THE COUNTRY, HELLO. I'M THE THIRD MAN TO JOIN THE TAKAHASHI GANG, THE INCREDIBLE WEAKLING KISHI MANABU.

NOT ONLY AM I INCREDIBLY HAPPY JUST TO BE WORKING AT THE TAKAHASHI GANG, EVERYDAY HAS BEEN GREAT SINCE I CAME HERE.

A LITTLE WHILE AGO, OUR BOSS (TAKAHASHI HIROSHI) WAS INVITED TO THE STREET BEATS (CONCERT AND AFTER-PARTY, AND TOOK ME ALONG WITH HIM. IT'S HARD FOR ME TO EXPLAIN HOW IT WAS TO MEET THE MUSICIANS THAT YOU LISTEN TO EVERYDAY AT WORK. I WASN'T ABLE TO TALK TO THEM THAT MUCH, BUT EVERYONE AT THE BEATS AND ALL OF THEIR STAFF WERE GREAT, AND THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE WAS LIKE A DREAM. PLUS, I WAS ABLE TO GET MY JACKET AUTOGRAPHED. THIS JACKET WILL BE MY PRIZED POSSESSION FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.

I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO DRAG DOWN OUR BOSS AND ANIKI (IMAI SHIGERU), AND I'LL DO MY BEST TO MAKE GOOD TEA. AND SOMEDAY I'LL BECOME A GREAT MANGAKA LIKE OUR BOSS AND MAKE A GREAT COMIC LIKE (ROWS.

(APRIL, 1993)



Takahashi Productions, which was built by myself and Imamura Shigeru, has welcomed its third man, Kishi Manabu!

We've decided to use this opportunity to make a sign! And soon we'll have our fourth man! With this, the Takahashi Gang has powered-up! But this doesn't mean that we're going to rush things or be nervous. We're going to bring you the same quality work! Shigeru! Manabu! Have fun working, and when we're done we can meet the Horie Gang and go see the Beats and Yokomichi!

I would like to thank these two who helped finish Crows Volume 9, Akita Shoten, the man behind the veil who controls the Takahashi Gang, and everyone who bought this volume.

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